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SUMMARY.

The International Arbitration and the Peace Associations waited on Sir Edward Grey, and described the Anglo-Japanese treaty as a dangerous contract.

Sir Edward Grey replied that there was no foundation for the report that Japan intended to demand increased defence expenditure by Great Britain.

It is reported that the United States Government is prepared to despatch 25,000 troops to China at a day's notice.

The Afrikander Bond is asking for the restoration to the register of 10,000 rebels before the expiration of their terms of disfranchisement.

By this means the Bond hopes at the next elections to oust the Progressives from power in Cape Colony.

According to the "Standard" the Government has decided that Chinese coolies on the Rand, wishing to be permanently repatriated, may give a quarter's notice.

Their earnings during the quarter will be devoted to paying for their passages.

A select committee of the House of Commons will settle the basis for the division of the electorates in the Transvaal.

Mr. A. Beit, the Rand magnate, has presented his native town, Hamburg, with £100,000 to establish a University.

Colonel Mackenzie, in Natal, has arrested the principal agitator against the poll-tax. The prisoner is an educated native.

Count Apponyi will deliver addresses in Great Britain and France to enlist sympathy with the Hungarians in their struggles against their King.

M. Kossuth will proceed to Italy on a similar mission.

The Czar has sanctioned the issue of an ordinance, forbidding troops to fire in the air or to use blank cartridge in suppressing disturbances.

The Anglo-French Commission has decided upon the establishment of a tribunal for the settlement of land disputes in the New Hebrides.

Under the naval estimate all the Cunard liners are retained by the Admiralty for service in time of war.

The four new battleships will probably be of the same type as H.M.S. Dreadnought, 18,000 tons.

Victor Cohen, accountant in the Lands Department, gave evidence before the Lands Commission yesterday virtually contradicting statements made by Mr. MacFarlane.

He practically denied that he had an absolutely free hand in regard to the sureties for improvement leases.

His instructions were not to make any "deep" inquiries regarding bondsmen, and upon his report the acceptance or refusal of the leases would be decided.

Mr. Cohen added: "I think that bringing me in was part of a scheme of Mr. MacFarlane's to relieve himself of responsibility, and place it on me."

Mr. MacFarlane emphatically denied these statements, and reiterated that Mr. Cohen had an absolutely free hand in reporting on the sureties.

Before the Railways Commission yesterday Mr. Kirkcaldie continued his narrative of quarrels that had occurred between Mr. Oliver and himself.

Mr. Oliver, he said, once accused him as follows:—"You were seen to go into my room, open my drawer, take out a letter, and read it."

"That accusation," Mr. Kirkcaldie continued, "made me almost speechless with indignation." But Mr. Oliver refused to give him any satisfaction.

Major Hawker, before the Commission which is inquiring into the charges made by an ex-gunner, denied the allegations against him.

The Commonwealth revenue for eight months of the financial year was £6,047,541, against £6,045,908 for the corresponding period of last year.

A petition from working jewellers was presented to the Tariff Commission yesterday asking for duties of 40 per cent. on imported jewellery.

Glass-bottle workers also asked for increased tariff protection.

One witness tated that hall-marked goods were not always of the quality stamped upon them.

They were sent from Germany to London to be hall-marked, and then sent back to Germany and "loaded" for exportation.

The Minister for Works visited West Maitland yesterday to inspect the proposed contour of a flood mitigation scheme.

A deputation urged upon him the necessity of constructing the North Coast railway, and a tramway to the coalfields.

Mr. Lee declared that the Government would carry out the North Coast railway, or else would go out of office.

The Government, he further stated, was considering a general tramway scheme, which would include the construction of a line to Kurri Kurri.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest upon the body of Mr. W. S. Chislett, who was knocked down by a runaway pony in Foveaux-street.

The situation at the Proprietary mine fire seems slightly improved, and satisfactory progress is being made in the Junction mine.

The Caterers and Restaurant Keepers' Association has decided to cancel its registration under the Arbitration Act and to disband.

When the steamer Norkoowa arrived at Brisbane from New Guinea the chief engineer, several firemen, trimmers, and passengers were suffering from fever.

The third engineer, Mr. Parson, had been drowned at Gauntu.

The schooner Eugene, whilst bound to the Solomons from Sydney, felt a shock of earthquake, the noise resembling the grounding of a vessel.

A man named Lawrence committed suicide by shooting himself at Broken Hill because of pending prosecution regarding the alleged theft of a fowl.

Canada has decided to take up 10,000 square feet of space at the New Zealand exhibition.

The Shaw, Savill, and Albion, and the New Zealand shipping companies made a joint offer to supply the South African-New Zealand service.

They asked for a subsidy of £45,000 per annum, but the offer was declined.

The Full Court yesterday dismissed the appeal against the refusal of the Registrar of Friendly Societies to register certain rules of the Druids.

The Chief Justice said that the Registrar had been wrongly brought before the Court, as he could not legally register the rules.

The Chief Justice, in reluctantly quashing a betting prosecution on a technical point, complained that the magistrate had not imposed a fine of £50 instead of £5.

A correspondent points out that the conviction was under the section of the Act of 1902, which provides for a maximum penalty of £5.

The Government of Victoria has decided to give 50 tons of flour for the relief of the famine-stricken people in Japan.

At a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Melbourne £250 was promised towards the famine fund, and it was decided to ask the Lord Mayor to convene a public meeting.

Mr. Ewing, Acting Postmaster-General, at Lismore, said that people who complained that they were no better off under Federation were talking nonsense.

At Wickham, Newcastle, yesterday, Mr. Carruthers opened the first new model school constructed in the State.

He explained his policy of providing roads and means of access to lands that will be thrown open and divided into small areas.

An appeal is being made to the Quarter Sessions at Wollongong against the registration of the Woonona Workmen's Club.

When the steamer Induna arrived from the Marshall Islands yesterday it was reported that about £400 had been stolen from the ship's safe.

A moderate amount of business was done in the Stock and Share market yesterday, principally at late rates.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15.

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No.	Name.	Owner.	Rating	Time Allow.
12	Othona	A. J. Soutar	45.3	scr.
19	Bona	H. Binnie	40.5	4m 54s
10	Sundowner	A. G. Traver	39.1	11m 3s
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8	Fleetwing	C. T. Brockhoff	32.8	16m 0s
5	Cherella	J. M. Marks	28.5	16m 39s
3	Petrel	S. M. Dempster	31.9	17m 41s
18	Scotia	T. W. Brenner	30.5	21m 30s

The Squadron Steamer CONQUEROR will leave the Clubhouse at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Non-members are admitted by ticket only.

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SYDNEY SAILING CLUB.—GENERAL HANDICAP, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, March 3rd. Club Steamer KIRRIBILLI leaves Stephen-street 2.30, Pointstreet 2.35, Darling-street 2.45, and Fort Macquarie 3.30 p.m. sharp. Passengers may land at Clark Island. Ticket:: Gents. 1s, Ladies 6d.

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CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

"The Emperor dies! Do you mean that he is to be murdered?"

"Call it what you will, his death is ordained. Nay, frown not so ominously. 'Tis not of my planning. Those who wish his downfall are not seeking to avenge my wrongs. If they succeed, and I see no reason why they should fail, they aim at placing Khusrow on the throne. And who is Khusrow? A boy of 16! I, a woman, am a mere puppet in their hands. That is why I am here. You see one who is in the counsels of both parties yet bound to neither."

"You have met Raja Man Singh and his ally, the Maharaja of Bikanir?" she continued, coolly, before Walter could decide what shape the tumultuous questions trembling on his lips should take.

"Yes," he answered, "and they are well aware with what loathing I regard their schemes."

"It is always possible to change one's mind," she said slowly. "I cannot, in a few minutes, give you the history of months; the record of the past few hours must suffice. Since it was known that you and the Hathi-sahib were returning to Agra there has been naught but plot and counter-plot. Firstly, those who conspire against the Emperor look to you to help them, and are even now awaiting you in the baradari at the bottom of the garden. Secondly, Jahangir, well aware of their intent, has resolved to ensnare them and you in one cast of the net. Hence the followers of Raja Man Singh and those others who will strike for Khusrow are gathering silently, some within a stone's throw of the outer walls of the palace, ready to follow their leader in the attack on the fort, where the guard of the Delhi Gate will admit them, the remainder among the trees without. But the forces of the Emperor, ten times more numerous, will fall on them at midnight, whereas the revolt is timed for the first hour. Already the traitors inside the fort have been secured. A few live to delude their friends—most are dead. All this, you may say, concerns you not. You are wrong, Mowbray-sahib. You are a greater man than you think. The conspirators count surely on your assistance and that of Sainton-sahib, whose repute with the common people is worth a whole army. Therefore, lest aught miscarried, they came to me and urged me to induce you to head the outbreak. Though I am a weak woman, I might not have consented had not the Emperor joined his supplications to theirs."

"The Emperor!" cried Walter with involuntary loudness.

"Hush! The baradari is not far distant. Yes, Jahangir still favours me with his jealousy. He does not know that—that—you are longing for the sight of some other woman beyond the black sea. Do not misunderstand me, Jahangir hates me and fears you. Kept well informed by his spies of all that was going on, he connived at the scheme which brought you and me to the forefront of the rebellion. Thus when he stamps it out in blood we shall be the chief victims. But that is not all. Raja Man Singh and his friends are in no mind to kill Jahangir and clear the way for a foreign intruder. They, too, see how we may serve their ends. Once the Emperor is dead it will be a fitting excuse to get rid of us on the ground that we conspired against him."

"'Tis a pretty plot," said Mowbray grimly. "Hath it any further twists?"

"Yes, one. Raja Man Singh, Khusrow, and the rest are doomed. Few of them shall see the sun again. The man who contrived their fate is far more skilled in intrigue than they. Behind Jahangir and his feud with me stands the black robe."

"Dom Geronimo! I thought him dead."

"He may be, but he lives to-day," was Nur Mahal's careless answer. "Living or dead, his hour has passed. Others, too, can think and plan. Not plotters now but swords are needed. I would that Sainton-sahib were here. Why did you let him go?"

"He is hard to restrain when set on anything. But you would not have him and me, with 20 men, fight for our own hand."

She came nearer to the listening men. In her eagerness she grasped each by an arm and whispered—

"Jai Singh is at hand with two hundred. A few determined men to-night are worth thousands to-morrow. Three hoots of an owl from the wall behind baradari will bring him and them. You have the leaders of the revolt gathered in the summer-house, whence they will soon send a messenger to summon you to council. They know I am here and await my pleasure. Above them"—and now her voice dropped so low that the words only just reached their ears—"you have Jahangir himself and his principal minion, Ibrahim, the Chief Eunuch!"

Her eyes blazed with the intensity of her emotion. Great though her power of self-control, she quivered slightly, and the action, trivial in itself, told that this woman was the nerve-centre of an empire. She was the never-ceasing motive force behind waited no comment. The moment long looked for had come at last. India, with all its potentialities, was within her grasp.

"Doubt not, but act!" she murmured passionately, seeing the incredulity in the men's faces. "In the roof of the baradari there is a secret chamber, contrived there, for their own purposes, by Akbar and my father. From it, in fancied security, Jahangir and Ibrahim can see and hear all that passes beneath. I took care they should know of it. 'Twas too good a bait to pass, and they swallowed it. What joy can equal the Emperor's when he hears his enemies plotting with you and me, to place us on his throne, knowing full well that ere many minutes have passed we shall be slain, or, far better, captured, so that he may glut his vengeance on us? Come with me! Let a Rajput give the signal to Jai Singh. Without any fear of failure, almost without a blow, you will have both Jahangir and Khusrow's adherents in your power to do with as you will."

They could not choose but believe her. Here was a counter-stroke worthy indeed of the daughter of one who entered India a pauper and died Prime Minister. Walter's head swam, and Fra Pietro shook as if with a palsy.

"There is no other course open," she murmured vehemently. "It is your death and mine, or Jahangir's. Decide quickly! Do you flinch from the ordeal?"

"No," said Mowbray, recovering himself. "If such be the alternatives, may God help those who are in the right!"

Nur Mahal released them. Walter would have sent for Devi Pershad, and in a few hateful seconds the irrevocable step must be taken which should plunge India into an era of turmoil and bloodshed. But a tumult of alarm among the household servants and the clatter of hurried footsteps in the interior of the house betokened some new and unforeseen commotion. Then the door by which Nur Mahal and Mowbray had entered the room was flung open and Roger appeared, carrying in his left arm the apparently lifeless body of the Countess di Cabota. His long sword was dripping blood, and his clothes were rent by cuts and lance thrusts, but his genial face, never downcast when a fight was toward, broke into a broad grin when he saw Walter.

"By the cross of Osmotherly!" he roared, "I have had the devil's own job to reach thee, lad. I have fought every inch of a good mile, and been ambushed times out of count. Poor Matilda fainted at the last onset. I had to hug her with one arm and slay with the other. Gad! it was warm work. She is no light weight!"

He deposited his inanimate burden on a charpoy and cleared his forehead of blood and perspiration, for he had been wounded slightly on the forehead. Then he set eyes on Nur Mahal.

"Oh ho, my lady, art thou here?" he said. "Small wonder there were such goings on without! By gad, thou art the herald of storm on land as the petrel is at sea. Walter, my lad, give us a grip of thy hand! I'm main glad to meet thee again. But Matilda needs tending. Bid this slittering fairy see to her. Whether Portugee or Hindee, I suppose women are much alike in such matters!"

CHAPTER XVIII.

Gregory, remember thy washing blow.
"Romeo and Juliet," Act I., Sc. I.

But there were matters of graver import afoot than the Countess's fainting fit. Already the conspirators in the summer-house, alarmed by the commotion, must be devising means to protect themselves, and the Emperor, ensconced in a hiding-place after the fashion invented by Dionysius of Syracuse, was probably doubting the wisdom of his Haroun-al-Raschid escapade. For Roger, by bursting through the hostile cordons like an infuriated bluebottle fly caught in the outer strands of a spider's web, had applied a premature spark to a gunpowder train. The silence of the night was jarred into fierce uproar. The imperial troops, thinking the revolt had broken out before its appointed hour, were hurriedly closing in around the rebels. The latter, strenuously opposing Sainton's passage up the hill leading to the Garden of Heart's Delight, communicated a panic for action, which is the next worst thing to a fight, to those of their comrades who knew not what was happening. In a word, the left bank of the Jumna was ablaze, and sharp encounters occurred wherever the Emperor's men met those who fought for his would-be supplanter, Khusrow. At the gate Devi Pershad and the Rajputs, manfully aided by the house servants, were even then resisting the efforts of the rebels previously hidden in the wood to break open the door and go to the aid of their leaders within. Indeed, Roger had barely ceased speaking before a sowar, one of his own small escort, ran in and breathlessly announced the desperate nature of the attack on the gateway.

Sainton, of course, knew nothing of the real cause of all this riot. Nor was there time to tell him. Mowbray grasped the excited soldier.

"Canst hoot like an owl?" he cried.

"Ah, sahib, that can I," was the reply, for the man guessed the portent of the question.

"Come, then, Roger. Thou knowest the summer-house. Smite any man who leaves the Nur Mahal, bide you here till I return. Fra Pietro, bolt the doors and open only to me or Roger."

"One word, brother, ere thou goest," cried the friar in English. "A chosen ruler," be he Christian or heathen, is the Lord's anointed. 'Curse not the king, no not in thy thought.'"

Walter, hurrying forth, darted a single glance at the speaker. Somehow, the Franciscan's words gave ordered sequence to a project which flitted vaguely through his mind as he listened to Nur Mahal's thrilling recital. It seemed to him that this beautiful woman, "who offered herself twice to no man," harboured a certain spite against Jahangir because of the treatment he had meted out to her. Once she had vaguely hinted at bygones as between Mowbray and herself; otherwise her utterances were those of unsated and insatiable ambition, and the style of her raiment alone showed that she had quitted the palace that night prepared to fill the stage in whatsoever part fortune allotted her.

(To be continued.)

OUR NEW STORY.

We have much pleasure in informing readers that we have secured the serial rights of Mrs. Humphry Ward's new story, "Fenwick's Career," publication of which will be begun next Saturday, the 10th inst. There is a warm corner in every Australian's heart for Mrs. Humphry Ward, inasmuch as she was born in Tasmania. Added to this, she is a granddaughter of the great Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, and a niece of Matthew Arnold, delightful essayist, original poet, master of criticism. And, again, we cannot but remember that Mrs. Humphry Ward was recommended to the English-speaking race by no less an authority than Mr. Gladstone, who spared time from his most pressing engagements to read everything new, and who felt himself called upon to recognise in our author's "Robert Elsmere" a book that thoroughly deserved attention. From the date of the appearance of this work, 1888, we have had frequent works from the distinguished author's pen. Thus, "Robert Elsmere" was followed by "The History of David Grieve" in 1892, by "Marcella" in 1894, by "Sir George Trossady" two years later, and by "The Marriage of William Ashe" last year. We omit from notice various smaller efforts in this line, and take no account of Mrs. Ward's success as a playwright. This new book, "Fenwick's Career," fully maintains the high reputation of the author, and it would not surprise us to learn that it will in time be regarded as the high-water mark of Mrs. Humphry Ward's literary career.

CHESS.

Hon. secretaries of chess clubs are invited to furnish news of general interest. Unpublished games and original problems in diagram (which should be accompanied by analysis) are always acceptable.

THE "SYDNEY MORNING HERALD" ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM TOURNEY.

PROBLEM No. 862.—"Deserted Monarch." Black (12 pieces).

White (7 pieces).

White to play and mate in two moves.

Forsyth Notation Modified.—b, 2b, 1QK, 2p, 1N, 4p, 1q, 6p, 1r, 3k, 2np, 5B, 2nNR, 1Rp, 6.

Key.—Counting from Black's Q4 square, the initial letter of piece is put for the square occupied thereby. Numerals denote intervening blank squares. Black pieces in small type.

THE "SYDNEY MORNING HERALD" ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM TOURNEY. PROBLEM No. 863.—"Precious Thoughts." Black (5 pieces).

White (7 pieces).

White to play and mate in two moves.

Forsyth Notation Modified.—3OB, 3S, 1pK, 9k, 4N, 2Rp, 3QR, 3pr, 6Q, 6.

PROBLEM No. 852.—"Cut and Thrust." No Solution.

In accordance with the conditions, a point is awarded to each solver pointing out the unsoundness.

Correct solutions from: H. R., F. R. Smith, Once More, J. H. Hillyer, J. W. C., T. P., H. F., J. Hornsey, J. D. Williams, A. Davis, J. C. Warner, E. M. Fry.

PROBLEM No. 853.—"Memories of Mackenzie." Key: BK4.

Correct solutions from: H. R., F. R. Smith, Once More, B. F. Kersey, J. W. Hillyer, J. M. C., H. Gosbell, H. F., J. Hurcey, J. D. Williams, A. Davis, G. W. Morgan, J. C. Warner, E. M. Fry.

Correct solutions not above mentioned have reached us too late to score in tourney. They will, however, be acknowledged in our next issue.

OUR FORTY-THIRD SOLUTION TOURNEY.

Messrs. J. W. Hillyer and E. M. Fry tie for the special prize with 37 points each, Mr. J. C. Warner being one point behind. An excellent performance. Messrs. F. R. Smith, H. R., J. Harvey, J. M. C., J. C. Warner, Once More, O. Hegman, and T. P. tie in the ordinary section. We have pleasure in offering a memento to each of the winners on receipt of information as to their postal address and choice of prize.

NOTES.

The St. Leonards C. C.—The team matches begin with this month. Monday is the club night, and the committee will be pleased to welcome intending members, at the club rooms, School of Arts, Mount-street.

Janowski v Taubenhaus.—The French champion won this match by 5½ to 2½.

Simultaneous Chess.—Marshall, at a recent display at the Manhattan, playing 25 boards, won 19 games, lost three, and drew three; or a score of 20½ to 4½.

The Sydney School of Arts Championship Tourney.—Recent results are:—Baynes beat Volckman, Volckman beat Baynes, Volckman beat Calvert, Bunyan beat Hart, Hart beat Baynes.

The Sydney School of Arts Continuous Tourney.—Snelling beat Middleton, Middleton beat Snelling, Calvert beat Gray, Gray beat Snelling, Middleton beat Gray, Dixon beat Gray (4), Gray beat Dixon (3).

RICE GAMBIT.

This series of games, now being played, has so far resulted badly for the White side. Some more or less spirited games have been played, but in three of the four the defence has prevailed:

First game, Napier v Marshall, White won.
Second game, Napier v Finn, Black won.
Third game, Napier v Finn, Black won.
Fourth game, Napier v Finn, Black won.

Below we give the third game, which was defended by Finn with considerable ingenuity:—

White—Napier.		Black—Finn.		
1. PK4	PK4	19. BKt5,ch	KB	
2. PKB4	PxP	20. KtKt3	QKt3	
3. KtKB3	PKKt4	21. QQ2(a)	PKB3	
4. PKB3	PKt5	22. BB6(b)	PQKt3	
5. KtK5	KtKB3	23. PR4	PR4	
6. BB4	PQ4	24. PB4	KKt2	
7. PxP	BQ3	25. PKt3	RK2	
8. Castles	BxKt	26. RQB	RQ	
9. RK	QK2	27. PQ5	PQB4(c)	
10. PB3	KtB4	28. P-P,ch	PxP	
11. PQ4	KtQ3	29. QxR	RQ2	
12. BKt5	KQ	30. QKB8	RKB2	
13. BxKt	RxB	31. QQ6	QxB	
14. RxB	QxRP	32. RK	RQ2	
15. RxKt	QxR	33. RK7	QR6,ch	
16. BxP	RK	34. RxQ	RxQ	
17. KtQ2	QxP	And Black wins the ending.		
18. KtB	QK5			

(a) So far Marshall v Napier in London.
(b) To retard the attack growing out of Black's PKR1.
(c) Very finely played. All vestige of attack is gone after this, and Black wins the ending.—Pittsburg "Dispatch."

JANOWSKI v TAUBENHAUS.

The second game in the recent match:—
(Three Knights' Game.)

White—Janowski.		Black—Taubenhaus.	
1. PK4	PK4	16. KtQ5	PB4
2. KtKB3	KtQB3	17. PK3	PxP
3. KtB3	BK5	18. PxP	QB2
4. BB4	PQ3	19. RR1	KtKR4
5. KtK2	KtB4	20. KtB6 ch	KtxKt
6. KtKt3	BK3	21. BxKt	KtK2
7. BK3	BQ4	22. KtKt5	QR
8. Castles	QQ2	23. KtxP	RQ
9. PB3	Castles	24. QB	RB2
10. PQ4	PxP	25. KtKt5	QB3
11. PxP	PxB	26. QxQ	PxQ
12. PxB	BKt2	27. RB4	RxB
13. BR15	KtK	28. PxR	RQ4
14. KtB5	PK13	29. PB7 ch	Resigns.
15. KtK3	KtKt2		

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. M. C.—We are always pleased to give solvers an opportunity of correcting anything that appears like a mistake on our part, and to that end have forwarded you your slip with the incorrectly transcribed solution.

CURRENT LITERATURE.

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN IN HISTORY AND ART.

Mrs. Stewart Erskine's "Beautiful Women in History and Art" is the latest exception to the rule that there is no royal road to learning. Here we have a series of admirable monographs on notable pictures, and on the persons portrayed in these pictures. The monographs include memoirs, and the memoirs lead irresistibly, in Mrs. Stewart Erskine's capable hands, to excellent sketches of contemporary history. After all, our author says in effect, it is not really dates and victories, and monarchs and constitutional reforms, and reactions that go to make up history—it is woman. Woman rocks the cradle, and she rules the world; and that not only in so far as she is the mother. Her influence extends beyond this high part of her functions; and it is more in her capacity as ruler of men by means of her natural gifts that she is celebrated in this handsome volume. Appropriately, therefore, in the foreground—seeing that our record does not go back to the age of Pericles—is Lady Hamilton, after the painting by Romney. This is but a sample of the rich gifts in the way of plates which are placed in this book at the service of readers. We have pictures of Anne Boleyn, and Katharine of Aragon, the woman she supplanted, of Jane Seymour and Katharine Howard, two others of the wives of Henry VIII. There is that hapless usurper, Lady Jane Grey, and there is Mary Queen of Scots, the beautiful lady around whom clustered romance and treason and murder and infidelity, and around whose grave men still quarrel. The "pleasant vices" of the Merry Monarch are commemorated in Lely's pictures of Barbara Villiers and Frances Stewart, and the adventures of the Pretender of 1745 are romantically recalled in the full-page plate showing Flora Macdonald. Of beautiful women on the English stage we have excellent reproductions of Lely's Nell Gwyn, Lawrence's Sarah Siddons, and of Bartolozzi's Elizabeth Farren; whilst Nance Oldfield, Peg Woffington, and Dora Jordan are figured to us from engravings after contemporary portraits. Then there are Sarah Duchess of Marlborough—the notable Sarah who held in thrall "great Anna, whom three realms obey"—and Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire—Gainsborough's "Duchess." Italy is represented by the Lucrezia del Sarto, and by reproductions from engravings after contemporary portraits of Vittoria Colonna and "La Bella di Tiziano." France contributes largely to the beautiful collection. There is Joan of Arc, from the painting by M. Ingres; the Pompadour, from the painting by La Tour; and Marie Antoinette, from the painting by Vigee Le Brun. From engravings after contemporary portraits we have the Du Barry, Diana de Poitiers, the Empress Josephine, Charlotte Corday, and Marie Jeanne Roland. All the plates have been artistically engraved by Mr. Hallett Hyatt, whilst the title page, which is a work of art in itself, and the ornamental headpieces were designed by Mr. W. L. Bruckman. The work reflects great credit on the artists and publishers.

Now, the names of the "beautiful women" we have mentioned—names taken as the pages of Mrs. Stewart Erskine's delightful book opened—suggest so many interesting chapters in history that one is not certain which to consider first. To consider them all suggests chaos. But our author not only considers them all; she sketches them and their times and their contemporaries for us with a vividness which enables the least well-informed amongst us to follow the details with a lively interest. And, having regard to the wide range of ground covered by the pictures we have enumerated, this is saying a great deal for the depth of Mrs. Erskine's researches, and for the skill in which she marshals well-known facts. Open the book anywhere and you will find reading matter worthy of the great pictures here reproduced. Here, for instance, is part of her chapter on Madame de Pompadour, a lady whose influence was well-directed if she herself was no better than she should be. Mrs. Stewart Erskine is talking about the favourite and literature:—

Rousseau was one of the lions who refused to feed from Madame de Pompadour's hand. His pride was hardly justified, for her patronage was discriminate and very generous. Her "salon" in early days had been a home for literary men, and in her prosperity she did not forget them. In an age when patrons seldom paid for works of art, and when books were in turn stolen or confiscated, she paid generously for all she had to buy, and her money went far so easily. She helped to get deserving talent out of the Bastille, she supported Voltaire's candidature to the Academy; she saved Crebillon from obscurity, she also was the first to recognise the talent of Marmontel. She protected Diderot and D'Alembert, and recognised the great work they were achieving by means of their "Encyclopaedia." She had a fine library, and she adorned her houses with pictures and works of art. Boucher was an intimate friend of hers, as well as her favourite painter, and from him she learned the art of etching.

But the great debt which art owes to Madame de Pompadour is to be found in the manufactory of porcelain, which she started at Vincennes, and which was afterwards removed to Sevres. The idea arose from a patriotic regret that the best porcelain should come to France from China and Dresden.

In the latter she started her industry, and the results are too well known to be dwelt on.

Does not this give a different idea than the usual one of the life led by ladies occupying the then enviable position which Madame de Pompadour enjoyed? The extract emphasises our author's manner of treating history. She is certainly not slow to deprecate looseness of living, whether in monarch or in commoner; but she is prepared to make all allowances, to state the good that kings' favourites have done—when they have done good—as well as the evil which they wrought.

Or, take another case from French history: the case of Madame Roland, who has gone down to posterity as the author of the imperishable words, "Oh, Liberty! What crimes have been committed in thy name!" There are persons who firmly believe that these were the exact words this revolutionary heroine uttered with her last breath, even though they cannot but know that the lady was French, that she was not in the habit of speaking English, and that she might better have spoken Choctaw to the Parisians than English. This is what really happened, and what Madame Roland said:—

On October 9, 1793, the heroine of the Gironde mounted the tumbril and followed the well-worn way to the Place de la Revolution. She was dressed in white, quite calm and composed. During the journey she refused to console a sad man who sat beside her; she promised him that he should die first, as he dreaded seeing blood flow. Sans-n demurred at this request, and drew three; or a score of 20½ to 4½. the lady should mount first; but he relented when she said, "You cannot refuse the last request of a lady." Unluckily another request had been denied her. At the foot of the scaffold she had asked for pencil and paper to write down "the strange thoughts that were rising in her." She mounted the scaffold cheerfully, but the irony of her last overcame her as her shining eyes rested on the Statue of Liberty. "O Liberte, comme on t'a jouee!" she exclaimed bitterly. They were her last words.

Go back half a century or so to Flora Macdonald, the story of whose self-sacrifice in the cause of Charles Edward, the Pretender of 1745, is so well known. We all know that she saved the Pretender, and that the young man for whom she did so much vindicated his claim to the possession of Stuart blood by never troubling himself thereafter to send her a word of thanks. And some of us may know that, when she was imprisoned in the Tower of London, she was visited by the Prince of Wales—Frederick, the father of George III.—who, having impressed upon her the heinousness of her crime, which in those days meant hanging, drawing, and quartering, went away to recommend and secure her pardon. And what became of her? Our author tells the story succinctly:

Flora was married in 1750 to Allan MacDonald, the eldest son of Kingsburgh. She sang a song, the words and music of which she had composed, on her wedding-day, and she spent the money given her by the Jacobites in furnishing the house in which she lived until her husband inherited Kingsburgh House. Here she was visited by Dr. Johnson "and an intimate companion whom he called 'Bozzy.'" Johnson slept in the room with tartan hangings which had sheltered the Prince, and was much interested in his hostess. "The Preserves of Prince Charles Edward Stuart," he said, "will be mentioned in history, and, if courage and fidelity be virtues, mentioned with honour. She is a woman of middle stature, gentle manners, and elegant presence."

In 1775 the failure of the crops and some unforeseen expenses determined the MacDonalds to seek their fortune in America, but they came in for the War of Independence, in which Captain MacDonald fought and was taken prisoner; and at the conclusion of the war they went back to Skye. On their way home their ship had an engagement with a French cruiser. Flora went on deck, encouraged the sailors to fight, and had her arm broken in the scrimmage. She used to say that she had perilled her life for both the houses of Stuart and Brunswick, and had gained nothing from either side. To the end of her days, however, she remained a firm Jacobite, and once slapped her son John's face because he called "duft Geordie ye Hanover" "his Majesty." She died on 5th March, 1790, aged 69, and was wrapped in one of the sheets which the Prince had used at Kingsburgh. This sheet, carefully put up in lavender, had gone with her to America, so anxious was she that no other shroud should be used.

There is much, too, about that inspired murderess of a wholesale murderer, about Charlotte Corday, who rid the world of the monster Marat. But we have shown sufficiently not only the wideness of our author's scope, but the ability she displays in bringing the doings of the "beautiful women" of her story near to us. Her sketches are admirable vignettes, true to their time and their object.

THE POLITICAL HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

The ways of history-writers are marvellous to ordinary persons. Here, for instance, is "The Political History of England" (Longmans, Green, and Co.), to be published in 12 volumes, under the direction and editorship of Dr. William Hunt, president of the Royal Historical Society, and Dr. Reginald Lane Poole, editor of the "English Historical Review." In the old days these 12 volumes would make their appearance in numerical order, so as to give readers a regular and unpuzzled view of the historical area. But the first volume published (copy of which we received from Messrs. George Robertson and Co.) was the tenth—written by Dr. William Hunt—which has to do with the period between the accession of George III. and the close of Pitt's first Administration—1801. Then followed volume II., edited by Professor George B. Adams, of Yale University, covering the period 1066 to 1216—from the Norman Conquest, that is, to the death of King John—and volume III., by Professor T. F. Tout, from 1216 to 1371. The first volume is not yet to hand, though its appearance was promised for last month. Now, this is not the way in which to introduce a great work to students. We do not want to get our history in piecemeal; we are disinclined to study first the beginning of George III.'s reign, then to be rushed violently back to the Norman Conquest, with the promise that the first volume will shortly appear. History, generally, is not to be taken in spasmodic doses after this fashion, and especially does this apply to the appearance of a "Political History of England." It would have better served the interests of the editors—supposing that these were directed to the establishment of a connected theory in the marvellous records of the great people who have inhabited the little islands which are the cradle of our race—if they had delayed publication until the volumes were ready to be presented in order.

We are the more concerned in this matter because such volumes as have come to us are eminently readable and instructive, and well arranged. There is rather too much Oxford about the publication, two out of the three volumes before us being written by Oxford people, who contribute indeed nine out of the 12 volumes of which the complete publication is to consist. Possibly the work will vindicate the claim of the Old University to be more than "the home of lost causes," and we may see here a triumphant vindication of its right to take the lead in historical work. At this distance there is no life in the jealousies of the British Universities, and the student would welcome a good book, whether it was written by Oxford or by Cambridge scholars. And, so far as can be judged from the three volumes published, this "Political History of England" is a painstaking and meritorious production. It will not be eagerly grabbed up by lovers of sensation, but it is reasonable to suppose that there would not have been such a demand for Macaulay's "History" if the author had split up his work into a dozen parts, and sold each of these parts spasmodically as it were. Possibly it may appear that the work has passages abounding in interest and in brilliancy concerning matters of recent moment, and we have no reason to doubt that the 12th and last volume, which is written by Mr. Sidney J. Low, and which has to do with the period 1837 to 1901, will be brimful of delightful pieces of news. But when will this 12th volume appear? Meanwhile we must be thankful for what we have got. The "History" may be commended to readers so far as one may judge from the volumes to hand. It is judicially and impartially written, and gives clearly and concisely the main facts in the periods concerned. Let not the reader be deterred by the use of the word "political." The editors take this word in its broadest sense, and the work does not concern itself with mere manoeuvring for office.

NOTES.

We notice with pleasure that Mr. J. H. M. Abbott's "An Outlander in England" (Methuen's Colonial Library) has attained to the dignity of a second edition.

Dr. Philip E. Muskett will, we learn, make an early addition to his contributions to the medical literature of Australia.

Messrs. J. R. Tyrrell and Co. forward two numbers of the informing "World's Religion Series," by W. Loftus Hare. In one of these we have a careful synopsis of the "Religion of the Jews," and in the other an interesting contribution to the general knowledge of the "Christian religion." As showing the spirit in which the work is undertaken, we may quote, from the former book, the conclusion of one little chapter on "Inspiration:"—"The Bible contains much written by men who were highly inspired; and the only way to sift the wheat from the chaff is for the reader himself to become inspired."

Mr. George Moore's "The Lake" (William Heinemann) has already entered into a second edition, though it was first published so recently as last November. In a preface dedicatory to M. Edouard Dujardin, the author urges his friend not to read the book. The advice is good—infinitely better than the book.

The woman novelist as typified by "Victoria Cross" has the mission of belittling her sex. In "Six Women," for instance (T. Werner Laurie's Colonial Library), this author tells us about certain animals in petticoats who are labelled women, and about their adventures. It is pleasant to think that it was not a man who wrote "Six Women."

Of historical stories commend us to "Yolands, Maid of Burgundy," by Charles Major (Macmillan's Colonial Library). The time is that of Louis XI. of France and Charles the Bold of Burgundy, and the love story which gives the foundation of the book is well told. Readers will be pleased to hear that there is no attempt at archaic English; the "wolst thou" and "eftsoons," and the other devices of the historical novelist do not make their appearance here.

"The Cherry Ribband," by S. R. Crockett (Hodder and Stoughton, through Messrs. Angus and Robertson), has to do with Covenanting days. It is written in the style which compels admiration from all Mr. Crockett's friends.

If it were not that it is so over-laden with persons and with details, "The Labourers' Comedy," by Maud Stepney Rawson (Constable's Indian and Colonial Library), would at once take rank as one of the best stories of its kind. We have not to do with the narrow view of "labour," meaning by the word only those who labour with their hands. The tragedy of work unrewarded or ill-paid is fairly set forth here.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"The Advantages of the Australian Climate," by F.A.Q. (William Brooks and Co.).
"The Congregational Year Book" for 1906 (the Congregational Union of England and Wales).
"William Pitt," by Charles Whibley (William Blackwood and Sons).
"Dialogues, Duologues, and Monologues," by Mary H. Debenham (Wells Gardner, Darton, and Co.).
"Christian Religion," by William Loftus Hare (J. R. Tyrrell and Co.).
"Religion of the Jews," by William Loftus Hare (J. R. Tyrrell and Co.).
"What to Read," by John M. Robertson (Watts and Co.).
"The Faith of Richard Jefferies," by Henry S. Salt (Watts and Co.).
"The Churches and Modern Thought: an inquiry into the grounds of unbelief and an appeal for candour," by Philip Vivian (Watts and Co.).
"The Origin of Life: a reply to Sir Oliver Lodge," by Joseph M'Cabe (Watts and Co.).
"Key to Exercises in 'Bookkeeping Down to Date,'" by Andrew Munro (Effingham Wilson).
"An Outlander in England," by J. H. M. Abbott. Second edition (Methuen's Colonial Library).
"The Management of a Nerve Patient," by Alfred T. Schofield (J. and A. Churchill, through Messrs. George Robertson and Co.).
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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

In the United States the new year seems to have opened with two events of importance, the addition of a tragedienne of distinction to the English-speaking stage and the general acceptance by the public of Maeterlinck's "Monna Vanna." The name of the new actress is Bertha Kalich. She had already attracted attention in Yiddish plays in New York, and made her debut this year in English, which she speaks with purity and charm. She is, of course, a Jewess, and we read that she is tall and slender, and possessed of beauty of a lofty type. According to many papers now to hand, her tour with "Monna Vanna" under Mr. Fiske's management has excited a furore at Pittsburg, St. Louis, and other cities to Chicago. Some critics compare her with Duse, but several sound a note of warning as to her too freely emotional use of a marvellous voice. The future of Mme. Kalich will quickly test the value of the laudatory reviews now before us. The entirely favourable reception of the play itself, as a literary and dramatic masterpiece, "beside which the 'Francesca da Rimini' of d'Annunzio becomes formless, and the 'Ulysses' of Stephen Phillips an abstraction," is of more interest to Australian playgoers if only from the fact that they missed seeing the drama when Miss Nance O'Neil was here. Mr. J. C. Williamson's experience with Sudermann's "Fires of St. John" in Melbourne failed to reveal any general leaning towards any art developments of the day, for which the public has not been prepared by previous experiment and discussion in England, and "Monna Vanna" is but little known there. For this reason Miss O'Neil's proposed production of the drama in question was vetoed. Maurice Maeterlinck has hitherto been identified with all that is weird, gloomy, and pathetically imaginative in drama, and the immense value of "Monna Vanna" arises from the fact that it marks a new departure in his method. It presents a story of mediaeval Italy, in which the author, hitherto a fanciful dreamer, depicts men and women of flesh and blood moved by the elemental fires of passion, the outgivings of which are understandable to the humblest. Monna Vanna, who saved from famine the dying women and children of her besieged city by surrendering herself to the general of the opposing forces, and returned unharmed by reason of the lofty mental and spiritual power which enwrapped her, represents one of the most beautiful and tragic figures in modern drama.

The Belgian author in question is not much read in this country, though the English dramatist Alfred Sutro has translated many of his works. Like Henrik Ibsen, whose successor in some sense he is claimed to be, Maeterlinck is first and foremost a poet and philosopher. "The Life of the Bee," a treatise on bee-keeping, full of beautiful thoughts, should certainly be read, and many will admire his volume of essays "La Sagesse et la Destinee," so imbued with a patient and resigned philosophy. His plays are frequently ridiculed, partly because the dialogue is often intended simply to create "atmosphere," a quality quite impalpable to many minds gifted in other directions, and partly because he deals in the weird. In London "Pelleas et Melisande" has become generally accepted through the laudable persistency of Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who has staged it many times with success since 1898, first with Mr. Martin Harvey as Pelleas, and Mr. Forbes Robertson as Goland, and later with Mr. G. S. Titheradge in the latter part. The piece is a romantic tragedy which owes something to "Othello." There is a harrowing scene in which Goland learns of the mutual passion for each other which afflicts his girl-wife and his youthful half-brother Pelleas. The dramatist shows the consequent pity and despair that rises in his mind at the helplessness of these children, for whom Love has prepared his worst torments. There is reference in this tragedy to a supernatural Shape that haunts a wood. Hence the mysterious musical quality of the contralto song "Melisande in the Wood," which has been sung here by Misses Emily Foxcroft, Margaret Thomas, Gertrude Lonsdale, and other artists. The composer, Mrs. Alma Goetz, is a sister of Mrs. Liza Lehman. Other dramas, more or less symbolic in character, by the Flemish writer are "Princess Maleine," "Aglavaine et Selysette," "Alladine et Palomides," "Interior," and "Death of Tintagiles." The last-named was lately produced in New York. Of all these, the only one that is direct and dramatic in plot, and certain to hold sway in the theatre, is "Monna Vanna."

The chief theatrical and literary event in London during January was the production on the 25th of Stephen Phillips' blank-verse drama, "Nero," at Her Majesty's Theatre. Mr. Beerbohm Tree had previously staged "Ulysses" and "Herod," by the same poet, the press verdict upon which was that they were very "fine and large, and enjoyable," whilst innumerable private opinions reached this country from artists and travelling playgoers that both pieces were insufferably tedious, though magnificently staged. In the present instance there is again not the slightest doubt that "Nero" is staged with a spectacular splendour which makes it worth seeing; but as to the play itself opinions will probably differ as much as before. Probably the summing up of the "Westminster Gazette," in a generally favourable article, hits the mark:—"If it were not for the fact that most of the dialogue is in admirable verse, and some passages are beautiful poetry, I think it would be fair to say that 'Nero' is a rather lurid melodrama of little psychological or philosophical value, but containing a good many effective scenes and situations presenting excellent scope for acting, and lending itself capitally to Mr. Tree's genius for magnificent mounting." Another writer, whose praise is unqualified, so that we read about "Nero" that "it thrills one like red wine," describes the play as "a simple succession of stirring incidents." The poisoning of Britannicus at a marvellous feast, with music, processions, and dancing, Nero's consent to the murder of his mother by shipwreck, the loss of the vessel, Agrappina's escape, and her return in a blinding flash of lightning, are amongst the spectacular triumphs of the piece, which includes Nero's entry into Rome in a chariot with three white horses, and terminates with a colossal representation of the burning of Rome, with Nero harping in the foreground. We read also that the piece was wonderfully acted. Mr. Tree showed Nero from the age of 19 until the end "with unrivalled art," and "Mrs. Tree's Agrappina was acted with a power, a tempest of fury, which held the audience breathless in the great scenes."

A new play, "The Heroic Stubbs," by Henry Arthur Jones, has been produced by the popular comedian, Mr. James Welch, at Terry's Theatre, and this actor thus enters the list of London actor-managers. Mr. Stubbs is a Piccadilly bootmaker worth £4000 a year, who exerts himself to save the reckless Lady Hermione Candlish from a compromising adventure with a spendthrift rake, who entices her on board his yacht. The play is cleverly written, and is generally praised; but in a letter to Mr. J. C. Williamson from his agent, Mr. J

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LIFE IN LONDON AND THEREABOUT.

(CHRONICLED BY HENRY W. LUCY.)

Mr. Chamberlain's Position—Sir John Gorst—Lord Randolph Churchill's Foresight—The Farce of the Parliamentary Oath—"Thumbs Down!"

WESTMINSTER, Jan. 25.

Mr. Chamberlain has just cause for exaltation in view of the results of the electoral contest in Birmingham. Whilst the political party with which he last allied himself is shattered on the issue of protection he insisted upon laying before the country, whilst the late Prime Minister and 12 of his colleagues are unseated, Mr. Chamberlain is not only himself returned by an increased majority, but carries seven seats solid for his last divigation in Imperial politics. The achievement is without parallel, and commands admiration. It cannot be said that this feeling extends to the electors of Birmingham. Reviewing their political history during the past quarter of a century, there is something that smacks unpleasantly of political emasculation. What Mr. Chamberlain has said he has from time to time daringly unsaid, and Birmingham having meekly followed at his heels in one direction, has at his whistle promptly turned on its tracks. It is a proposition of mathematical certainty that Birmingham cannot have been persistently right through a quarter of a century—at one time the stronghold of Radicalism, at another the fortress of a Government that gave doles to landlords and endowed denominational schools.

That is a matter for the consideration of the citizens of Birmingham. Mr. Chamberlain has established for himself a unique place in history. By the repeal of the Corn Laws Peel for a time shattered the Tory party, in which he was born and nurtured. Unfurling the Home Rule flag, Mr. Gladstone led the remnant of the Liberal party into a wilderness, where they wandered practically for 20 years. These achievements complete their record in that line. It was left for Mr. Chamberlain, 20 years after, to wreck the Liberal party, and, 20 years after, to smash up the Tories, to whose ranks he had seceded.

In the circumstances, it is not unnatural that Mr. Chamberlain should quietly assume the position of leader of the odds and ends of the Unionist party who will muster at Westminster next month. The frame of mind manifests itself, perhaps undesignedly, in his speech at Halesowen on Monday night. Beseeching North Worcestershire not to yield to the triumphant aggressor, he said, "Think for one moment of our position, of the small minority who will join me in the House of Commons when it meets." No reference here to Mr. Arthur Balfour, still titular leader of the Unionist party. It is true the ex-Premier is for the time without a seat. So was Mr. Gladstone after the general election of 1868. But there is no record of any of his colleagues assuming that the situation would be permanent, and hastening to rally the party round their personal banner. The way of putting it is the more significant since negotiations are on foot in several quarters with the object of providing Mr. Balfour with a seat. Such arrangement could be made only by the personal sacrifice of a partisan. In 1892 Sir William Harcourt profited by the voluntary retirement of Mr. Warmington, who, strange to say, has not since risen from Bar to Bench. Such sacrifices are more natural in the case of a Minister unseated than of a member of the Opposition, however popular or distinguished. It will be a long time before Mr. Balfour will have at his command any other recompense for such devotion than his thanks.

A report which, amongst others, gained currency, that one of the newly-elected members for Cambridge University would make way for the chief, was promptly denied. It would have been a striking rounding off of all that has happened since fourth party days had Mr. Arthur Balfour had assigned to him a seat from which Sir John Gorst was thrust, his defeat at Cambridge inevitably marks the close of Sir John's brilliant but chequered Parliamentary career. He is an asset the Conservative leaders wantonly, though not inexplicably, threw away. The late Lord Salisbury never liked him, and in the prejudice Mr. Balfour was faithful to family tradition. As appears in the "Life of Lord Randolph Churchill," a minor office was tossed to him in the stopgap Government of 1885, only upon the insistence of Lord Randolph. In subsequent Unionist Administrations, up to 1892, deference was paid to his swordsmanship in debate by finding for him place and salary.

But he never rose above an Under-Secretaryship, bearing with outward meekness the irony of contiguity on the Treasury Bench with certain members of the Cabinet who, from blood relationship or other qualities, were more in favour at Hatfield. When in 1892 his Ministerial connection with the Education Department lapsed, an ingenuous attempt to get rid of so formidable a critic was made by offer of the Governorship of the Isle of Man. Sir John declined to walk into that particular parlour. But it should be recalled to the credit of Mr. Balfour that on the first opportunity subsequently arising, he secured for his old colleague a second-class pension (£1200 a year) out of the fund available for ex-Ministers.

Had Lord Randolph Churchill lived to see this day, he would have found verification of two flashes of insight into far-reaching political affairs. Though born amid the strictest sect of Toryism, he always recognised the democracy as the fountain of political power, and bent all his efforts to make it play a Tory tune. Before and after he became a Cabinet colleague of Lord Salisbury's, he indulged in his dream of a Tory democracy. It is this democracy who for the first time in English history have risen in their full might and dominated the memorable general election now drawing to a close. Only it is the Tories, returning under the influence of an ex-Radical to their tattered banner of protection, that democracy has overwhelmed.

The other forecast has been literally fulfilled. In 1885 Lord Salisbury showed indication of tampering with freetrade. It was not a determined adventure, but it drew from Mr. Chamberlain, in a passage frequently quoted during the last two years, instant hot denunciation. Lord Randolph promptly put his foot down, warning the Tory party that if ever they uplifted the flag of protection, Lancashire would turn and rend them. This prediction has been fully verified, oddly enough with the assistance of Lord Randolph's son, at the time of its utterance a boy at school. In a letter to hand this morning, Mr. Winston Churchill writes: "The worst catastrophe my father ever warned the Tory party to avoid has now overwhelmed them."

Parliament has been summoned to meet on the 13th of next month for the despatch of public business. But the first week of the new session will be occupied by the ceremony of swearing in members the formal opening of the session by his Majesty being deferred till the following Monday. At the beginning of every Parliament, the absurdity, not to say the sacrilege, of this performance, suggests desirability of its abolition. It is possible that in far-off times it may have had some significance. To-day it has absolutely none, whilst the snatching at copies of the Bible and the shouldering of each other by members at the tables is painfully indecorous. The hollowness of the thing was brought into clear view by Mr. Bradlaugh. In the course of the discussion to which his conduct gave birth it was admitted that if the avowed atheist had fallen in with the stream of members, kissed the book after hearing the Clerk hurriedly recite the terms of the Oath, no one would have offered objection. Mr. Bradlaugh was however, too shrewd a man to throw away a chance of bold advertisement, and he got it. First he would not swear. Next he insisted on having the Oath administered to him. Thirdly, in the shocked gaze of those devout men, Lord Randolph Churchill and Sir Henry Wolff, he administered the Oath to himself. Finally, when in 1886 the Conservatives came into office, what was known as "the Bradlaugh difficulty," having triumphantly played their game, they quietly acquiesced in the member for Northampton's taking the Oath with the rest of duly elected members.

A ludicrous condition of the ceremony is that a member returned at a general election, if he so pleases, need not take the oath. A well-known member who sat in the 1880 Parliament told me he had omitted the ceremony, and as far as he knew neither the State nor himself was a penny the worse. In 1880 the Liberals were returned with a majority in those days regarded as enormous. My friend arrived on the second day of the sitting, prepared to take the oath. But the rush for the tables was so great and persistent that time after time he lost his opportunity. He had an engagement at 5 o'clock he could ill afford to ignore, which he must do if he continued to compete for a place at the table. He accordingly quietly fell in with a file of members who had been sworn in, and awaited their turn to sign the roll of Parliament. As he was there, it was assumed he had taken the oath, and, no one demurring, he signed the roll and got away in time to catch his train.

There is a good deal of talk about the "Punch" cartoon this week, which represents freetrade and protection in the guise of gladiators, the centre of attraction in a Roman amphitheatre. Protection has been stricken to the ground, and Freetrade, with sword uplifted, point downward, on the prostrate foe, awaits the signal which means death or respite to the vanquished. It comes from the crowded galleries by thumbs turned downward, which, according to the general idea, signifies mercy. That is, however, a misreading of the classical record, which clearly states that when the Emperor and the Roman citizens desired to have the coup de grace administered they turned their thumbs upward. The popular error arises from a curious incident. About the middle of last century, Gerome, the French painter, sent to the Salon a picture describing the close of a gladiatorial fight. "Police Verso," he called it. The spectators were shown eagerly leaning over the baluster of the galleries with their thumbs turned downwards. The picture had a great vogue in this country as well as on the Continent. An engraving circulated in both hemispheres, and thus was created, till this week perpetuated, a picturesque error.

A WOMAN'S LETTER.

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The country is quieter this week. Most of the elections are over, and London seems unusually full for this time of the year. The streets are crowded with people hurrying to the last of the sales, or to their tailors or dressmakers to get fresh clothes for brighter weather. It is absurdly warm. I am sitting beside a wide open window, and birds are chirruping and flitting about in a preoccupied manner. They think it is nesting time, and some of the sparrows are already picking up bits of straw, and quarrelling, as sparrows do on the least provocation, over the site of their nests. However, though there may be a rude awakening ere long; these longer brighter days are very nice, and if the weather does get colder and spring is delayed, we have the daylight, and can do and see more than we did a month ago.

The King and Queen are at Windsor, whither they went to attend the memorial service on the anniversary of Queen Victoria's death. It is five years since we were thrilled by the passing of this great Sovereign to her rest. It hardly seems so long. The Victorian method is still with us, and the sceptre still seems hers, so universal was her influence on the Empire which attained during her sway its increased dimensions.

How far back, on the other hand, does the war against the Boers seem; you never hear it mentioned now-a-days unless some book on the campaign comes out of more than ordinary importance. All eyes turn to the new Parliament, and the curious wave of Liberalism that has overswept the land. It will be an interesting Parliament that will be opened by the King on February 19. And with that event comes the actual commencement of the London season.

We have had so mild a winter that a great many people have postponed their departure to the South of France and Egypt until now. Switzerland claims many men, who taking their holiday at this season get lots of fun out of it in skating at Adelboden, one of the most favoured resorts for this exhilarating form of exercise.

I need not say that for skating nothing could be possible but the short skirt, and a dainty fitting bolero which shall keep the body warm and yet not look clumsy, for on the ice trimness of figure, neatness, good lines are the essentials towards success. Adelboden is a place to enter on your notebook if you are not coming home, and want an amusing winter place to stay in. I take it most Australians like to see something of Switzerland, and at Adelboden the brilliant sunshine, the blue skies and immense transparency of atmosphere tend to make a winter there a very memorable thing.

For evening dresses nothing at the moment is so fashionable as the Empire gown. You see it everywhere, and in some form or other it is introduced into ordinary attire. It is one of those fashions which can only be worn with success by a beautifully-formed woman. The Empire gown is a legacy from the Greeks, when the softly flowing chiton was caught at the bust by bands of embroidery; and when the first Napoleon came to reign in France, this classic form of dress was introduced along with the insignia of wreaths and eagles, the "Ave Caesar Imperator" style of thing which was Napoleon's watchword. Even when his laurels withered, and his eagles fell to the dust, the decoration remained, and still holds; for in France the Empire form of decoration which you can see in all modern furniture shops is still the favourite scheme. The Empire form of frock, graceful and beautiful, with its short bolero of lace and embroidery, has come to stay. And very picturesque it is with the trails of flowers festooning the skirt, for roses in garlands and loops are more worn than anything else. But there is also a return to gold and silver embroidery on evening gowns, and the plain skirt of an Empire evening gown lends itself well to a great deal of flat trimming. Embroideresses go in for set designs on the skirts of such dresses. Louis Quinze bows and trails of leaves worked out in dull and sparkling paillettes, a very happy combination. Then again there is raised embroidery in chenille and silk. Quantities of ribbon work, arranged with flounces of lace, or a deep flounce of lace put on rather flatly, headed by a design of roses worked in white silk and real gold thread. This on rich white satin is very splendid, worthy of Josephine when the Napoleon was still at her feet, and the Empire was in its first flush of success.

Need I say that with an empire dancing frock the shoes should be embroidered to match, and the most delicate silk stockings worn, while the arms should be bidden in wrinkled white gloves that meet the tiny puffed sleeve at the shoulder. Perhaps in time, when the great wheel of fashion comes full circle, the charm of a bare arm with two-button gloves, set off with bracelets, may reassert itself. At present there are no bracelets at all, and except at home in elbow sleeves the bare arm is never seen. Yet those who remember such things can attest that at one time nothing was accounted more beautiful. There are, of course, other dresses for dancing than empire, and the skirt that just touches the floor is considered the smartest. They are made of sunrayed silk, or net sprinkled with paillettes and lace flounces set on a foundation with garlands and wreaths of roses. Small sleeves puffed and caught in with bands of ribbon or roses set in a row finish these, and round the top of the bodice are again roses, with lace falling to the belt.

Lace or net put into evening bodices in a kind of fichu fashion is much worn by women past their first youth, who still can wear low bodices. Rejane brought with her in her season at the Royalty several smart evening dresses, which were cut low, but worn with high lace guipure yokes, with collar bands reaching to the ears. These one sees at the best theatres, and I think are a wise compromise between the quite low dinner or ball dress and the demi-toilette, the latter being more sensible in cold weather for wearing in the stalls, which, though the most expensive seats, are much cooler than the balcony circle. These high guipure yokes are made to fit quite firmly, and can be detachable, so that you can wear them with any bodice.

I saw one last night at the Haymarket, where Mr. Hawtrey is appearing in "The Indecision of Mr. Kingsbury," of cream lace, with bands of pale blue satin put on at intervals following the line of the yoke. The collar band was also edged with the blue. This was worn with a black costume, and proved very becoming.

Another style of dress that I think most people would like is one worn a few days ago at a smart French wedding, of black velvet, the skirt of the prevailing Princesse type, coming up into a corselet belt at the waist, worn with a handsome ivory blouse of Cluny lace, high to the neck, with the usual deep collar band; elbow sleeves finished with black velvet trimming, in the form of grapes hanging from a black velvet band. Over the shoulders from the top of the corselet belt at the back to the front are two velvet bretelles, embroidered in gold. Long white gloves and a large black velvet hat, with thick plumes of ostrich feathers. It is one of the most striking gowns I have seen. The skirt is ample in cut, and quite plain, cut more or less in umbrella form.

The bride wore an empire gown over silk, made in white crepe de chine, embroidered in Louis wreaths of silver laurels. The sleeves were short, with long gloves meeting them, and finished with large bows of silver tissue. Another charming dress worn at this wedding was in a pale shade of violet mousseline de soie, trimmed with a broad band of velvet of the same shade, narrowing as it came up on the front width to the waist, on which were placed appliques of thick guipure lace. The corsage was draped with bands of velvet worn over a full vest of lace, the edges of which fell together in the front like cascades. The sleeves were fuller than I have seen them for some time, with a strip of velvet straight from elbow to shoulder, finished with deep lace ruffles. This is really a lovely gown. The hat was one of those curious little affairs only possible to a Frenchwoman, turned up on either side, and finished with a single handsome plume of violet feathers. The hat itself was of gold tissue, the most fashionable material I saw during my visit to Paris.

Another gown at this wedding was of a delicate peach colour in Liberty satin, made a l'Empire, and trimmed with great bunches of grapes made of the satin in a deeper shade, interlaced with bows of ribbon. The corsage was of thick ivory lace, finished with bunches of these satin grapes on either side of the front. There was the usual high collar band, and round the throat a pretty lunab, which the young French actresses over here have been wearing, of black velvet just knotted at the base of the throat, with little tassels of jet at the ends. The ends hang carelessly below the bust. This is a happy method of introducing colour into a dark dress. I have seen it in blue heliotrope or any colour the wearer fancied. But with lace or as a delicate colour nothing gives such a clog to the toilette as this touch of black velvet.

I notice that on many of the evening bodices dressmakers are putting a kind of handkerchief sleeve of lace lightly embroidered in ribbon. It falls in two points below the elbow. One exquisite dress had three deep lace flounces gathered on to an underskirt of silk, the front having a panel, broadening to the feet, of satin embroidered in ribbon roses and Louis XV. knots, put on over the flounces, making the front flat and neat. The berthe was of deep lace, with rose embroidery, and a wide draped belt of satin.

Everyone wears something in the hair. It may be a large black velvet bow, with four loops, wired, and standing out well on each side of the head, or bunches of violets put on either side of the front pouf, or jetted wings poised, a la Hermes, in the front of the head, small wreaths of heather or leaves; and a few nights ago at His Majesty's Theatre I saw in a box a lady with a Rosetti head, dark, and black-haired, wearing a classic wreath of gold leaves.

All grey-haired ladies wear the black velvet bow. It throws up the hair and complexion, and with the addition of some shaded violets looks charming on a well-dressed head.

Though bracelets are not worn, the old fashion of wearing black velvet armlets has come in again, and if you have by you any old brooches, buckles, or tiny miniatures, it would be wise to mount them on black to wear for bridge or at teas with the lace sleeve, which for day dresses comes midway between elbow and wrist.

As a forecast of fashion, I may hint that we are to wear a great deal of black velvet as trimming this spring, and graduated black velvet buttons will be much used on both and cashmere dresses. Cashmere, they all say, is to be well worn. I know there is a prejudice about cashmere—"the parlour-maid's afternoon frock," "Early Victorian," and so forth—but it is worn by the smartest French women, and as they had it last summer, when we would have none of it, I expect to see the cashmere gown figuring largely in the Park ere long. It wants some making, does cashmere, and good cutting and mounting well over silk, but all this obtained, what is there to hang better? The only fault is that it is so soft that it easily tears, and women, whose movements are reckless and rapid, had better choose a material that will not catch on to everything that comes its way. Velvet has had a tremendous innings this winter. I have never seen so many velvet costumes before. One of the loveliest women of my acquaintance came to see me the other afternoon in a short black velvet coat and skirt trimmed with broad black silk braid, put on in scrolls round the bottom of the skirt, with a short black bolero trimmed to match, worn over a blouse of tucked black net; between each tuck an edging of white Valenciennes lace. It was finished down the front and cuffs with narrow gold braid. The mixture of black net, white lace, and gold was particularly happy and chic. Her hat was of violet velvet—a tricorn with plume of violet feathers. Her furs of sable—a broad stole and granny muff finishing one of the smartest costumes I have seen for some time. She is an Australian lady, and so handsome that on the most cheerless day her radiant complexion and lovely hazel eyes bring a touch of colour and life into the room.

I have often thought that the future Australian—if there is to be a pronounced type of Australian beauty—must be more Italian than English, for the warm climate, the perpetual sun, must in the end bring about a change in the Anglo-Saxon race.

I saw three gowns worn by Miss Winifred Emery in their new place at the Waldorf Theatre the other night, which are so artistic in themselves and in such good taste that they might well be copied by ladies for our less than stage purposes. Miss Emery has long been one of our most finished actresses. Her gifts are more for the serious side of drama than the lighter vein, but she manages to charm one no matter what style of character she is playing. In "The Superior Miss Pellender" she is a widow with some half-grown-up children, a grey to them and their whims, desirous of marrying an exceedingly eligible party. Her gowns are exactly what women who are "inclined" to stoutness, yet not finally immersed in that state of things would do well to copy. The first gown is of reseda cashmere, trimmed with a running design of bows in shaded ribbon, put on as if you were braiding. There is a kind of peplum overskirt falling in points on either side over an umbrella skirt. The bodice repeats the trimming on the edge of the blouse, which opens over a folded waistcoat of cream net. There is a narrow turnover collar, and the blouse fastens across under two stole-like ends of silk edged with ribbon. The sleeves are puffy, and to the elbow, with lace cuffs coming under them.

Next, Miss Emery wore a brown voile frock umbrella shape, again trimmed round the skirt and coming up the front with two bias folds or tucks laid on of the brown voile. The bodice opens at the throat with a turndown collar o broderie anglaise finished with a sailor knot of brown silk. Elbow sleeves with a puffed undersleeve of net tied with brown silk. The hat, merely for riverside use—for this is a love affair on the banks of the Thames—was of Tuscan straw, trimmed simply with a wide scarf of black tulle knotted into a large bow at the back.

Amongst remarkable things on at the theatres just now is an old-fashioned play called "A Royal Divorce," in which the most wonderful presentment of Napoleon is given by Mr. Frank Lister. I really feel now that I have seen "Le Petit Corporal." It is a startling piece of acting, and the actor has played it so many times that I am sure he must believe that he is the great Emperor himself. It was in this play I saw so many Empire frocks, and it taught me that for women of a full habit it was a style of dress that lends itself less well than any other to their peculiar traits of figure. The Josephine was a tall, stately woman, and in her court dress she looked magnificent, so much so that I am not surprised at its popularity at our Court on great occasions. The train fastened on the shoulders goes well with stately style of Court dress, and one almost expects to see it ordered as the regulation dress for peeresses, did not the peeres

AN AUSTRALIAN IN INDIA.

WILL THERE BE ANOTHER INDIAN MUTINY?

II.—THE CASE FOR THE BRITISH.

By W. H. FITCHETT.

Of the whole choir of distressful prophets who lift their voices to announce the inevitable and swift coming overthrow of British rule in India, Mr. Meredith Townsend, in his charming but very perverse book, "Asia tu Europe," is the most impressive, and the one most frequently quoted. And yet Mr. Townsend's prophecies are of a quite uninspired and indeed visibly wrong-headed sort. He delights in paradox, and truth cannot be packed into a paradox without deadly injury to itself. Mr. Townsend knew the India of yesterday, he himself resided there immediately after the Mutiny; but he does not know the India of to-day. What it was under the old company days he remembers, but what it is under Edward VII. he plainly has never realised. There was no loyalty in the native mind to England under the old East India Company. "All India," wrote Lord Metcalfe in 1824, "is at all times looking out for our downfall. We are without root; the people everywhere would rejoice at our destruction." British defeat under any sky was welcomed with gladness. But in 1885, when the Penjdah "incident" arrested the attention of the world, and war seemed at the point of breaking out, all the native princes of India poured in offers of money and men. It was resented as an affront by the Sepoy regiments, again, that they were not allowed to fight for the British flag in South Africa.

THE LOGIC OF HISTORY.

But Mr. Meredith Townsend forgets even the India he once knew. The Sepoys, he says, in the Mutiny "flew at the throats of the British" at the first chance; and "there was not—and is not—a race or class in India" to whom the British could turn for help. But the wonderful thing in the Mutiny was the fact that so many of the native races did rise for the British. Sir John Lawrence, in Oude, had to disband 40,000 Sepoys—the very army by which the Punjab had conquered; but he was able, almost with a gesture, to raise a new army, more than 40,000 strong, from the wild mountain clans and the Sikhs, by which he crushed the rebellious Sepoys and fed the great siege at Delhi. There are two expressive monuments which disprove Mr. Townsend's statements. One is the Mutiny Monument on the Ridge at Delhi. This gives the lists of the slain and wounded in the siege; 2151 Europeans suffered, and 1686 natives. Nearly as many men of dark faces died for the flag as men with white faces. At Lucknow, again, is a special monument erected to the memory of native soldiers who died in defence of the Residency. At least one-third of the garrison were natives, and this monument witnesses to their fidelity and courage. How much must be forgotten before it is possible to assert that, even in the bad days of the Mutiny, Great Britain could find no native races to fight and die for her.

THE LOGIC OF THE SWORD.

The reasons which justify the belief that there will be no second Mutiny, and that the British Empire in India is at least as solid as any system of rule the twentieth century knows, may be easily recited. It is clear for one thing, that what may be called the original charter of British rule—the title of the glittering sword—is as strong as ever. The British fighting power is ten-fold greater to-day than it was in 1857. There are no native regiments made up of family clans, officered by old men, the rank and file fat with indulgence, and made insolent by the memories of a score of unwhipped mutinies. The native regiments to-day are wisely composed of different human elements. The discipline is keen, the leadership of the British officers alert and perfect. And there is a sense of pride in the service amongst the rank and file such as there never was before. It may be added that amongst the regiments raised from the more warlike races—Sikhs and Gurkhas—there is quite a new sense of loyal comradeship with the British regiments. The India of the pre-mutiny days was disorganised to a degree which to-day is almost unthinkable; but no one can travel through India now without noting all the signs of alert and vigilant military administration.

The peril in 1857 lay in the isolation of the points at which the mutiny broke out, the lack of all means of intelligence or of transport. The railway only stretched for 120 miles from Calcutta. It was on May 10 the first shots were fired by the mutineers in the lines at Merut; it was not till two months later—July 7—that Havelock, with the first of the delivering columns, set out from Allahabad. It was many weeks before reinforcements poured in from England, and only the accident of the expedition to China being diverted enabled the first blow to be struck at the mutineers. But to-day every part of India is within easy striking distance from Calcutta, and all India can be reached in a few days from England. A mutiny is, for military reasons, hopeless.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE ENGLISHMAN.

But the arguments which go to show no mutiny is likely to be attempted are overwhelming. There is no visible alternative to the Englishman as the ruler of India, or at least none that can be for a moment contemplated. Let it be remembered that there never was, and is not still to-day, any India, in the sense of a nation. These 300,000,000 men so diverse in colour and creed and speech never were a unit till the British flag flew above them; and their unity would vanish with the disappearance of that flag. If the Englishman disappeared mere chaos would come again. It is not merely that each Indian in turn is a "foreigner" to nearly nine-tenths of all other Indians, so that a Brahmin from Bengal is more remote from a Sikh from Lahore, or a Gurkha from the Nepaulese hills, than a Scotchman is from a Sicilian, or a Maltese from a Pole. But these human types are parted from each other by repulsions deeper and more intense than any which separate men of one European nation from another. To suppose the Bengali ruling the Pathans, or the Gurkhas in any way much like imagining a committee of fat and well-woolled sheep ruling a pack of jungle wolves. For the cold-blooded Englishman it is difficult to realise with what fierce scorn the Mohammedan looks down on the idolatrous and cow-worshipping Hindoo, or with what subtle and enduring hatred the Hindoo regards the cow-eating Mohammedan.

One of the leaders of Mohammedan India, Sir Syad Amhad Khan, recently delivered a speech to a great gathering of his fellow religionists, which is quoted by Sir John Strachey in his "India." This distinguished Mohammedan is discussing what would happen if the English left India. "Would Mohammedans and Hindoos," he asks, "sit on the same throne, and remain equal in power?" And he answers his own question with a fierce negative. "They would fly at each other's throats." Our Mussalman brothers and Pathans would come on us as a swarm of locusts from their mountain passes. Like a swarm of locusts would they come, and make rivers of blood to flow from the frontier in the north to the rivers of Bengal. What would happen with the departure of the British would rest on the will of God; but until one nation conquered another peace could not dwell in the land."

With the Mohammedan and Hindoo flying at each other's throats on the plains, and new hordes of invaders swarming in through the two great gateways on either flank of the Himalayas—six such invasions, let it be remembered, are to be counted in one century before the English came—what would be the fate of India? England is the great peacemaker of the land.

NEW LORDS OF INDIA.

If the Englishman left, the other nations of the world of course would not see a prize so rich left derelict. Frenchmen and German might contend for it on the seaboard, but it is certain that the Russian would appear in the Afghan passes. And would the Russian be welcomed as an alternative of the Englishman? The very conception is absurd. Think of India being Russianised, as Finland was. The Indians themselves know this, and dread the coming of the Russian. At a recent Native Congress in Madras the president made a remarkable speech. If Russia and Great Britain had to fight for dominion in India, he told his hearers, "we, the educated natives, can judge the ultimate merits of the two empires. We, who know, and are best able to appreciate the blessing of the right of public meeting, the liberty of action, of speech, of education which we enjoy under Great Britain; whereas under Russia we should have nothing but a despotic government, whose chief glory would consist in vast military organisations, aggressions upon our neighbours, and great military exploits." Sir James Stephens puts the conflict of ideals betwixt the possible competitors for India very cleverly. The Mohammedan would tyrannise over Hindoos in particular, and in general propose to everyone the alternative betwixt the Koran and the sword. The Hindoo would condemn to social infamy everyone who, being born a Hindoo, did not observe their rites. He would re-establish Sutee, forbid the remarriage of widows, and prohibit a low caste man from testifying against a Brahmin. "Mohammedan, Hindoo, and Sikh Brahmin," he would alike proceed to settle their own accounts, and see who is master." "The English in India," says Sir James Stephens, "are the representatives of peace compelled by force. No country in the world is more orderly, quieter, more peaceful than British India under the British flag. If it disappeared chaos would come again like a flood."

THE FILM OF OIL.

The guarantee—nay, the justification—of British rule in India is thus to be found in the deep, ineffaceable discords which rend its millions asunder. In a famous speech Lord Randolph Churchill once described British rule in India as a sheet of oil spread over the surface of a vast human ocean, and keeping it in a sort of artificial calm. Beneath that film of oil, he declared, "lie hidden all the memories of fallen dynasties, all the traditions of vanquished races, all the pride of insulted creeds." But beneath the "film of oil" sleep fiercer and more enduring discords than even these; enmities that have their roots in history and in ancient habit, and that are kept vital by the energy of quarrelling creeds, and by enduring incongruities of character. What a gulf separates the Mohammedan and the Brahmin. Who can measure the scorn of the fierce tribes of the hills, to whom fighting is a joy, for the swarming and helpless men of the plain, to whom cowardice is almost a virtue? Gurkha and Pathan have towards the Bengali the temper of wolves for sheep. If the British left India, once more through the Himalayan passes would come Tartar and Afghan, the ruthless tribes of the Steppes, the fierce clans of the hills. And without waiting for these to appear on the scene, all the hardy and martial races of the north—Sikh and Gurkha and Pathan—would swoop down on the fat and defenceless south. No combination of the discordant human elements which make up India is possible against the British. The brown men hate each other more bitterly than they hate the white men.

BRITISH CHARACTER.

The ultimate secret of British rule in India, of course, lies in the British character itself. Somehow the Englishman has the gift of leadership over the coloured races. An empire of which seven-eighths is made up of coloured people can only be explained by that fact. A Sepoy regiment obeys implicitly, and will follow in the face of any peril the eight or ten British officers who command them, because, somehow, they have the gift of command. The Englishman in India walks amongst the swarming myriads of men alien in blood, diverse in speech, different in colour to himself, with a sort of mastery of which he himself is unconscious, but which is none the less real. Perhaps he would deny the fact; but, with the true instinct of a conquering race, he knows he must rule; he will only remain in the land while he can rule. Mr. Townsend is shrewd enough to see this quality shown in the attitude of the British during the Mutiny. During the early stages they were, by all the rules of war, in a hopeless condition; but "they asked no quarter, suggested no compromise, discussed no terms amongst themselves, proposed no treaty, but fought on, clear only as to one point, that they would either continue to rule or go under and be forgotten." The Asiatic recognises this mood in the English, and this, Mr. Townsend contends, explains the massacres to which, when they revolt, they turn. "They know that their only chance of victory is to kill the white people out." The obnoxious race will never make terms, never merge in the population, never be anything but rulers.

The Englishman's position in India commonly brings out his best gifts; his instinct for passionate justice; his faculty for standing impartially betwixt opposing creeds; his gifts as a soldier, as explorer, a hunter. "You can govern men only through the imagination," said Napoleon; but somewhere in the prosaic Englishman is hidden a gift for ruling which is perfectly real, but which does not appeal to the imagination, nor work by the imagination. A "nation of shop-keepers" is a phrase which does describe, accurately enough, one aspect of the British character; but India brings out the Imperial aspect of that same character. In India the Englishman shows the old Roman gifts for ruling; his instinct for law; his passion for road-making, all linked to a better creed and a nobler morality than the Roman ever dreamed of. And what may be called the primacies of character are fundamental and enduring. If the British are only a tiny caste in India, yet why should not a caste with these gifts keep their mastery? The guarantee of British rule in India lies more than ever in the British sword, in the British character.

TRUST IN THE ENGLISHMEN.

What has been said goes far to prove that mutiny has no motive in India. The Englishman is the best ruler that has ever appeared in the stormy, blood-splashed history of these 300,000,000 people. He is the best ruler in sight to-day. The Englishman, perhaps, is not loved; but that, as we have said, is not his gift. "Love," in fact, is an emotion which in secular affairs only embarrasses him. He represents in many respects ideals the Hindoo does not like, and hardly even understands. India, it may be said, is a land of liars. Perjury under its skies is a fine art. Rudyard Kipling says that in India "you can buy a murder charge, including the corpse, all complete, for 50 rupees." The Englishman's stubborn habit of truth-telling almost moves the contempt of the Hindoo. But how he is trusted! Every ryot who goes to law wants to see a British Judge on the Bench. Sir John Strachey tells how he once had to transfer a number of villages which had long been included in a British district to one of the best-governed of the native States. There arose from every village a lamenting clamour at the bare prospect. John Stuart Mill lived before the term "jingo" was invented, and he was in temper the very antithesis of the jingo; but he has recorded his judgment that "the British Government in India is not only one of the purest in intention, but one of the most beneficent in act ever known to mankind."

A CHANGED INDIA.

Like all human agencies, it blunders. It comes short of its own ideals; and yet its record is one of the noblest in history. To establish the pax Britannica over one-fifth of the human race is surely a marvellous achievement. Nowhere else on the planet is there an equal mass of human beings with lighter public burdens, a larger freedom, a greater security of life and property than is to be found under the British raj in India. Sir William Hunter pictures the wonder a Hindoo of the last century might feel if he saw the India of to-day. His wonder would be most kindled by the strange class of buildings discovered everywhere. "He would ask what wealthy prince had reared for himself these spacious palaces. He would be told that the building was no pleasure-house for the rich, but a hospital for the poor. In honour of what new deity is this splendid temple? He demands; and he is told this not a temple for the gods, but a school for the people." Instead of bristling fortresses, he would see courts of justice; in place of a Mohammedan soldier in charge of each district he would find an English magistrate; in place of a lawless swarm of armed men he would discover police. Now, the Hindoo is not a fool, and he knows that under the British flag he enjoys a security, a freedom, a peace, a justice his forefathers never knew, and which no other Power in the world would give him.

BRITISH BLUNDERS.

Some blunders in British rule are obvious. There is a tendency to over-Anglicise everything, even its education; to make India an Ireland England. As Mr. Lilley expresses it:—"To teach it cricket and football, to put its men into trousers and its women into petticoats." It is a blunder of the same fault to thrust the political ideas of the West on the East. To insist on "putting its men into trousers and its women into petticoats" is not more absurd than to thrust the representative institutions of the West—Parliament and the ballot box—one nearly 200,000,000 of Eastern peasants. The Indian genius is not in the least democratic, and democratic institutions on Indian soil would be as much out of place as a fur coat under the Indian sun.

The one underlying, incalculable peril to British rule lies in the ignorance of the Indian people, and in their liability, in fact of ignorance, to be swept by waves of unreasoned panic. No picturesque rhetoric has been expended on the mental seclusion of India, the difficulty of comprehending the Indian mind, the intellectual wall that separates the two races, etc. The Englishman has ruled there for 150 years, and yet, it is said, does not understand the mind of his own subjects. One is tempted to doubt whether, as far as the mass of the poulation is concerned, any "mind" exists to be understood. These 294 million people have many of the characteristics of children, their waywardness, their ignorance, their liability to gusts of unreasoning panic, their subjection to foolish beliefs. Nothing is too foolish or extravagant to be told and believed in India. Who can calculate on how 294 million children may act?

The present writer, for his part, believes that empire is not an accident; that history is not shaped by blind forces. God is weaving the centuries to the pattern of His own counsels. Each nation, imperfectly and unconsciously, is working out His designs. And part of the work given by God to the British race is to be the trustee and schoolmaster of the coloured races of the world. This is the ultimate explanation of that political miracle—the British Empire in India. While that Empire is administered unselfishly and nobly it will stand; when it ceases to have that quality it will perish, and will deserve to perish.

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THE QUARTERLIES.

THE EDINBURGH.

The current number of the "Edinburgh" has a political article on "The Fall of Mr. Balfour's Government." While Mr. Chamberlain, by skilful management, was absorbing Mr. Balfour and increasing his hold on the Conservative party, he appears to have missed the fact that both were losing their hold on the country. The Tariff Reform League captured local committees and newspaper advocacy, but by the time the Government resigned it was seen to be unpopular to the last degree in the constituencies. Conservative candidates helplessly declared themselves in favour of the policy, both of Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, without pledging themselves to the latter's protectionist doctrines. The electors, who for the most part are sensible and practical men, knew that this meant a vote for protection so soon as it could be safely given. They saw Mr. Chamberlain claiming the late Prime Minister in his presence as a supporter, while in the country Lord Hugh Cecil described him as an earnest and fundamental opponent of the policy of the Tariff Reform League. In these circumstances they have since taken the only intelligible course open to them. Mr. Chamberlain's own verdict on the Balfour leadership was plainly given on November 3, at Birmingham, when he was reported as having said "the proceedings in the last session of Parliament were more humiliating to members and to a great party than he could recollect in his political experience." This is stale matter now, and since this writer wrote the guillotine has fallen. "It is useless to Lide yourselves in the sand," said Mr. Chamberlain to the weaker Unionist brethren at Newcastle. The attempt was made, but the great majority vote of the country quickly discovered them there. On the question of Home Rule the writer says that among the best of Unionists in 1906 are statesmen who were responsible for Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill of 20 years ago. "Mr. Chamberlain has ruined his party" is the writer's last word.

"Protection and the Working Classes" is a paper based largely on Mr. Chamberlain's speeches at Birmingham and Bristol last year. "You cannot have retaliation without a general tariff," he said at Bristol, and in this contribution the writer examines the plea, from the statistical and the economic points of view, that protection against manufactured imports will improve the fortunes of British labour. He rejects the plea, but welcomes the work Mr. Chamberlain has done in opening men's minds to the evils of our industrial life, and in rousing their enthusiasm for the cause of social improvement.

"The Growth of American Foreign Policy" is traced until its consecration by the war with Spain, since which "the conservative dream of a vast nation, divorced for ever from the squabbles of the Old World, dwelling serenely, like the blameless Ethiopians, on the confines of the globe, and only clashing with those Powers, if any, who might wantonly infringe the precepts of Monroe, has gone for ever." The financial protectorate over San Domingo may prove an interesting test question. By calling the agreement a protocol, and not a treaty, the necessity of submitting it to the Senate before negotiation was evaded. That body refused to sanction it, but the protectorate is going on. Some of President Roosevelt's views on foreign relations are quoted here from his writings. "If the Monroe Doctrine did not exist it would be necessary to create it," is one; and "Every true patriot, every man of statesmanlike habit, should look forward to the day when not a single European Power will hold a foot of American soil," is another. Historically, the article is a valuable summary of the growth of America's relations with Europe; but the writer thinks it would be worse than folly to imagine that the roots of the friendly Anglo-American feeling have struck deep into American soil far west of the business community of New York. On this point he will find many to disagree with him.

"Religion Under the French Revolution" describes the steps by which Church and State in France were first dissociated, and how the Concordat brought them together again. Among the personal articles are papers on Fanny Burney, Hawthorne, William Blake and his visionary art, and Lucretius and his times. In "Thought in Architecture" the writer ably develops an interesting theory, that while classic art, with its glorification of horizontal principles, stands for breadth of thought and free play of mind, the Gothic, with its vertical and soaring lines, stands for the energy of the boyhood of Europe. In "Novels with a Philosophy," four books, including Mr. Wells's "Kipps," are chosen to illustrate what the writer means.

THE QUARTERLY.

"The Quarterly's" political article deals with "The Unionist Record," and covers the period of Lord Salisbury's Administration, between June and February, 1885-6, and from June, 1895, to December, 1905. The writer aims at substantiating Mr. Balfour's plea in his first speech as leader of the new Opposition, that the critic will not find greater consistency, more fruitful unity of idea, greater schemes of legislation, or a more essentially successful foreign policy than in those last 10 years. The sketch given here of Lord Salisbury's influence on foreign policy will be read with interest, even where it does not convince; as when he contends that Mr. Gladstone's Midlothian victory brought about the irreparable destruction of British traditional foreign policy. The writer denies that Lord Salisbury ever ordered the British fleet out of Port Arthur in obedience to a Russian demand. The ships left two days before the Russian protest was made it is shown, and much is made, naturally, of the Lansdowne treaties with Japan. The South African situation is discussed with the growth of the Imperial idea, and there is a summary of domestic politics in the same strain.

"The Cost of Government" is the opening article. Laocoon is an emblem of the British taxpayer, this contributor says, and complaints are made that public imposts have reached the breaking point. It is part of the results of the policy of the past 10 years that he is paying a shilling in the £ war-tax in a time of peace. Revenue to the amount of 143 millions was collected in 1904-5, as against 96 in 1894-5. Of the increase 31 millions are on account of naval and military services; but it is asked, in view of Lord Roberts' statement last July that the military force is not able to do the work expected of it, if the country is receiving commensurate value for its outlay. Consols have fallen from 114 in 1896 to 89 now, the sinking fund has been suspended for 10 years, municipal debts are often many times the assessable value, and instead of living on our national income, we are living on our national capital. So the indictment goes on, supported by facts and figures. The article reads oddly beside the apology for the Unionist record of the past 10 years.

Among the literary papers we find another pleasant paper on Fanny Burney, suggested by her centenary, and a contrast between Hazlitt and Lamb. "Originality and Convention in Literature," is a subject caustically treated by Professor F. B. Grummere, who is concerned to discover how much modern literature owes to imitation and how much to invention. Leslie Stephen raised the same question. When the founder of the "Times" was asked why all the articles seemed to be written by one man, this writer quotes, he replied that there is always some best contributor, and all the rest copy. The trail of Kipling is over all magazine literature. The Spanish war set American conduits awash with Thackeray and water, and dilutions of Stevenson, Scott, and Dumas to make up the hack historical novel. But these remarks only touch the outer fringe of the article, which contains thoughtful sentences like this:—"Humour for wit, smile for laugh, print for recitation or chant, immobile hands and features for older gesticulations, colloquies of a committee for oratory and debate of a senate—all these are symptomatic changes due to the slow but inexorable triumph of thought over emotion." Convention rules, and "the old 'thrill' is outlawed."

In a contribution on the Congo question a history of King Leopold's enterprise in that region is given. Referring to the atrocities, the writer says that notorious among the concessionaires was an institution whose name will for all time be the synonym of the worst wickedness of the white man in tropical Africa. It is known as the "Abir," a word made up of the first letters of the Anglo-Belgian India Rubber Company. "Our unctious rectitude must keep silence," it is said here, "if it can be proved that the first letter of the word 'Abir' involves Englishmen in the guilt of the Congo horrors."

Among other papers is one by George Pernet on the light-treatment of disease, Vernon Lee writes of "The Riddle of Music," "Gold and the "Banks" (R. H. Inglis Palgrave), "Art under the Roman Empire," "Plato and his Predecessors," and "Disintegration in Russia," are among the titles of other articles.

BEAUTY OF FIGURE.

We receive from the publisher, Mr. William Heinemann, copy of "Beauty of Figure: How to acquire and retain it by means of easy and practical home exercises," by Deborah Primrose. Some of us have attained an age and a portliness of appearance which would render the study of this book a labour of love rather than an incentive to the undertaking of a course of physical education. But to the great majority, let us say, there is still an opportunity for rectifying the effects of wrong systems of life, and to this majority we heartily commend this excellent little book, with its generous allowance of illustrations. Time was when, as it was rumoured amongst the rougher sex, ladies sought to attain or retain beauty of figure by the employment of violent means for the compression of the waist; but other and simpler and less painful methods are suggested in this book. It is all the better if the subject be caught young, and put through our author's exercises from early childhood, in the which case there should be no necessity for heroic measures later in life. But there are prescriptions here for persons not so favoured—prescriptions which are as simple as they are sensible. Take, for instance, the method prescribed for the diminishing of superfluous fat. The author had in mind a stout woman, but presumably the exercise would be beneficial also to a stout man. "The first thing in the morning," runs the prescription, "standing by an open window, with heels together, head erect, shoulders down, and the body practically presenting a straight line from neck to heel, the mouth must be lightly closed, and the breath taken deliberately and noiselessly through the nose, while six is counted (in the head, as the children say); this breath must be held in the lungs while twelve is mentally counted, and then it is to be quite evenly and slowly exhaled to a count of eight." Surely that is simple enough, and the other rules are equally lucid and sensible.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

LITTLE LOUISA NEWBURY, CRIPPLED AFTER DIPHTHERIA. MUSCLES WASTED AWAY. LEGS AND FOOT DEFORMED. SEVEN DOCTORS GAVE HER UP. CURED AT LAST. DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS. HEALTHY SCHOOL GIRL TO-DAY.

"A healthier child than my little Louisa you could not wish to see till she took Diphtheria," said Mrs. James Newbury, Almslane, near Stanley-street, Rockhampton. "The doctor sent away for Antitoxin to inject into her veins, for we made up our minds that the poor child was to have the very best and latest treatment, no matter what it cost. The doctor himself worked with her day and night, till she was out of danger. But it looked as if all his labour was to go for nothing. Before she was well enough to leave her bed, Infantile Paralysis set in. In despair, we called in seven of the leading doctors in the State, one after another—but in spite of all they could do, she remained a helpless cripple. She wasted away till she was just skin and bone. Everyone said she looked like a child dying from famine. If ever anyone was saved from death, it was our little Louisa—and every bit of the credit goes to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They cured her Paralysis after seven doctors and every other treatment failed. To-day she is as strong and healthy as any girl of 14 in Rockhampton. Only a mother can understand how much we owe to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"We were living at Clermont when Louisa took the Diphtheria," said Mrs. Newbury. "She was between seven and eight. The first sign I got of her Paralysis was the morning that the doctor said I might let her up for a while. I was struck with the trouble it was for her to get out of bed. She could not put her foot down flat on the ground. She could only limp a step or two on her toes. Every day after that she grew worse. She could not hold her head straight. It used to fall from side to side. This made me feel frightened, and so I sent for the doctor. He said it was Paralysis, and in a very bad form too. In a few days Louisa could not sit up, unless I held her. And all the power was going out of her legs and arms. After treating her seven months, the doctor gave her case up as hopeless.

"My husband called in two other Clermont doctors. When Louisa was at her worst, they came to see her day and night. Sometimes they came to the house three times a day. They ordered her hot baths and told me to rub her legs and arms and back for three or four hours every day. This eased the pains a little—but that's all. Her legs and arms got no more life in them. The child was getting weaker and thinner all the time.

"The doctors themselves could not make head or tail of her case. They brought the Travelling Physician of a great Life Insurance Society to see her—he said her case was hopeless from the first. Then the local Government doctor was called in—and he took no end of interest in her case. No doctor could have worked harder or done more for her. He got a galvanic battery and treated her with that three times a day. He used to strap the poor child down in bed, and then turn the current on. But it was all useless. Every week she got worse. Then the doctors thought that sea baths might help her a little. Her father said that we must not lose any chance of curing her, no matter what it cost. So I brought Louisa down from Clermont to Emu Park, so that she could be near the sea. We spent nearly every penny we had, trying in vain for a cure.

"But it was money thrown away. The child grew weaker and weaker, and the Paralysis spread. The muscles in the calves of her thin little legs drew up in hard knots. Her legs and arms wasted away till they looked like dry sticks. She used to be the finest and plumpest of all my children—but now she was just a framework of skin and bones. I dreaded to turn her in bed. Every time I touched her, she cried out with the pain. It made my heart ache to see my little girl so crippled and paralysed. Mr. Newbury's hair turned white with the worry and anxiety. Besides five other doctors, he called in two specialists in Rockhampton. But in spite of all they could do, the paralysis kept getting worse.

"She was so helpless now that she could not hold a cup to her lips. I had to feed her with a spoon, just as if she were a baby in arms. At times I had hard work getting her to eat anything. She could not touch food. For months she lived pretty well on fish food. And all this time the Paralysis was getting a firmer hold. Louisa just looked as if all the blood was drained from her body. Her face was ashy grey, and her lips and gums were the same deathly colour. It looked as if the poor child wasn't long for this world. Her voice failed till she could not speak above a feeble whisper. I had the hardest work crying to make out what she was saying. Soon she could not utter a word. When the last of seven doctors found that her speech was paralysed, he said it was a hopeless case. 'If she lives at all,' he said, 'she will never be able to walk or talk.'

"We were broken-hearted when the doctors owned up in this way that they could do nothing more," added Mrs. Newbury. "Then one day, just by chance, I picked up a little book telling all about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The more I read, the more I was convinced that these pills would cure Louisa. I got some from my old chemist, and gave her half a pill three times a day. The first two boxes did not do her much good, except make her eat better. After the third box, she was able to use her right arm a little. In a few days or two more she could feed herself—and you can't think how delighted I was. Now I've started to come in her left arm—and she said she could feel like pins and needles sticking in her legs. This must have been the new blood made by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After that she gained with every dose. Her eyes grew bright again. Her cheeks filled out and got a good colour in them. Little by little, the pains in her muscles lessened, and the hard knots in her calves went down. She kept on getting stronger, until she could walk again by herself. Imagine Mr. Newbury's surprise, when he came home one night to find Louisa skipping up and down the verandah. Now she is back at school, and as strong as any child can be. She can run about and play with the best of them. To look at her to-day, you would never think that seven doctors gave her up as a hopeless cripple. Every one of them must admit that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved her life."

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

PRACTICAL WHEAT FARMING.

INCREASING THE AVERAGE YIELD.

It is sometimes said that the single-crop farmer works during two periods of the year, and swaps politics with his neighbour in between. The best example of the one-crop agriculturist is the wheat farmer. As a general rule, the wheat farmer's land is situated in country where the cultivation of other crops is not profitable; his permanent fodder is represented by natural grasses, and his artificial pasturage by lucerne only. At first glance it would seem that between seedtime and harvest, and harvest and seedtime, the wheat grower would have time for a very complete exchange of ideas with his over-the-fence crony, or anybody else who happened to have nothing more distressing on hand than an engagement to discuss things in general. Unfortunately for the wheat farmer, this conception of the demands made upon him by his holding is more idyllic than material. If he begins to rest between crops he is sure to become a victim to that feeling mentioned by Warner in "My Summer in a Garden," "Somebody should be working in the garden," says the philosopher; "I wonder if it's me." So with the man inland who leaves off straining at his harvest to cart away and sell his wheat. Somebody should be looking after the fences, trying to make the sheep safe for water and grass, getting the hay cut into chaff or getting it into bales and taking it to the railway station, sinking another tank or a well, dealing with the rabbits, and arranging to clear some new land as soon as it is safe to burn timber. The wheat farmer always feels that there is something for somebody to do, and he is not long in assuring himself that he is the person who has to do it or see it done.

After all, the ploughing season follows very quickly on the heels of the horses which pull the stripper or the harvester through the last piece of wheat that is turned into bags. The time is surely coming when the ploughs will be laid aside only while the brief raging rush of harvest claims the farmer for its own. The prudent grower takes advantage of every opportunity to plough, and plough thoroughly, during the winter; and it is a notable fact that the man who fallows a fair proportion of his land every year is usually the most prosperous agriculturist in the neighbourhood. Probably the settler who fallows his acres proves himself a farseeing, longheaded person by that act, and it is to his longheadedness first of all his success is due. A good example, however, is very easily followed by those who are not specially gifted with the knack of getting on in the world. Results appeal to all save the most prejudiced person, and such a practice as ploughing in the winter land that is required for early sowing towards the end of the summer must appeal to the most casual wheatgrower in the country.

While the price of wheat ranges from 2s 6d to 3s per bushel, expensive methods in cultivation are perhaps out of the question, yet there is a happy mean between surface scratching and the most scientific theory of subsoiling and thin seeding. Beyond a doubt, thorough ploughing to a depth of 5in to 6in according to the class of soil, and a further ploughing, if necessary, before seeding with the drill is about on the limit of cost which the farmer is justified in tackling. In wheat land, with a good clay bottom, a good ploughing in the winter, and either a light ploughing or cultivating with the spring-tined cultivator before seeding, and a stroke of the harrows after the wheat is above ground, approach very nearly to the Campbell system of cultivation, of which much has recently been made in American journals. Perforce, farmers on the average wheat land of this State follow the Campbell system to the limited extent of their farm practice. Whether the poloughshare touches three inches or six inches in depth, a hard moisture-resistant pan is formed, and the soil above is depended upon to retain that which is essential to plant life. The Campbell theory is that the land should be ploughed to a good depth, the soil below that consolidated, and the loosened soil stirred from time to time in order to restrict evaporation. By following this practice, it is said, farmers in 13 to 16 inch rainfall country may nearly double the ordinary yield, and make wheat-growing highly profitable. The average practice in this State falls short in two important particulars. First, the farmer allows the consolidation to come too near to the surface, and secondly his cultivation is only just sufficient to form a rough bed for the seed.

Probably the uncertainty of the seasons accounts to a large extent for the rough-and-ready methods of the majority of wheat-growers, who, it is to be feared, make it a rule that the crop shall be put in on the quick and lively principle, it being taken for granted that it is better to rush two acres under crop in any sort of fashion than to thoroughly prepare half as much ground, and give it a first-class opportunity to produce a good yield. Sometimes a hasty, slap-dash fashion of doing things results in a good return, the season being phenomenally favourable. This, too, helps to encourage the grower to scratch in his wheat on 2in or 3in of starved soil rather than to wait and plough to a fair depth when opportunity offers. The individual example is quoted in support of the general practice, and it is quite easy to say that surface scratching must be good because in a certain year land ill-treated in that way returned five or six bags per acre. When September rains fail and October proves a dry month and the crops on the ill-farmed land wilt and fail to fill their ears the soundly-worked paddock comes out with a fair average yield; but the grower is very apt to dismiss the proof of the value of sound farming with the remark that the best piece happened to be in good heart that season.

Depend upon it, the average yield is better from the land that is fairly treated in nine years out of 10. How much good land is made to grow weeds or to produce patches of sickly, low-yielding crop in the best of seasons? The worn-out paddock scrambled in with the hope that a good season may pull the crop through, the pieces missed by bad ploughing and the greater areas skimmed by the shares or the discs because the land there was never properly broken into, all represent sacrifices to the god of hurry and bustle and the faith of the farmer in a large area under crop. The story inevitably runs to the effect that it will not pay to spell the worn-out land, or to wait always until that which is destined for wheat shall be fit to plough to a fair depth. Every year the country is congratulated upon a substantial increase in the area under wheat; yet it is certain that if a fourth less were put in, and the energy wasted on that fourth were devoted to more thoroughly cultivating the other three-fourths, wheat-farming on the whole would be a much more profitable business than it is at present. The average grower is disposed to proceed as though he had good reason to believe that his career on the land would be terminated at the end of the current season. He cannot leave a piece of land over for winter ploughing, because it seems absolutely necessary that he should crop the lot in the present year, and he cannot find time to do justice to such land as is fit to return a payable yield in an average season, because he is in such a hurry to go on with that which is unfit.

After all, the question of cost might easily be disposed of. Judging from the average returns from land farmed well in all seasons, the difference in the price of good and bad cultivation is easily overshadowed by the yields from the land which is justly treated. It might cost 1s per acre more to plough land a fair depth and to turn it over properly all through, as against the outlay on surface scratching. To this, 1s or 1s 6d per acre might be added for extra cultivation—a good scarifying before seeding, and the harrows in the first unfavourable spell during the early growth of the plants. These amounts add up to the value of one bushel of wheat. It is necessary to allow for the weak land and for that which cannot, owing to circumstances over which the farmer has no control, be properly ploughed in time to give the wheat a fair start in life. Good ploughing at the right time costs about 5s per acre; any kind of ploughing—and, by the way, ploughing is becoming a lost art—costs 4s per acre. The fourth of the land, which is pretty sure to return an unpayable yield in an average season, costs about 2s per acre less than the other three-fourths. It is absolutely certain that, taking a five years' period, the land in good heart properly cultivated will yield an average of at least four bushels per acre more than that unreliable fourth. Four bushels amounts to, say, 10s; and 10s per acre is good solid profit on ordinary wheat land. Season in and season out good farming on land fit to grow wheat would therefore result in a payable crop as against an unpayable crop on badly-farmed land unfit to bear wheat. Nothing has been said of fertilisers, because at this time of day it is unnecessary to point out that in almost the whole of the wheat belt of New South Wales a judicious application of superphosphates should be a first law unto the farmer. The profit on these fertilisers to the value of 3s 6d or 4s to the acre is always proved, and sound cultivation helps by conserving moisture in the soil to increase the profits from the plant feeder.

ITEMS.

It cannot be the cost of preparing ensilage that keeps farmers from using it more freely. Except in the worst of years, the necessary material can be grown in any district at a minimum of expense and trouble. The process is simple, and can be picked up in an hour by a practical man. In these columns recently it was shown that the cost of the material for a hundred-ton tub silo at Newington Asylum, was just under £40. This tub could be built by any handy man, and it would be there for the builder's grandchildren. And much cheaper silos can be constructed. "Instances are given," says the American "Farm, Field, and Fireside," "where hundred-ton silos have been built at an expense of about £15. Probably in no part of the country would the cost exceed four shillings a ton capacity." When silos come into general use in Australia, as they one day must, droughts will have lost a lot of their terrors.

Men differ considerably in their treatment of mares in foal. No general rule can be laid down as to working them, for what will perhaps be of advantage to some proves disastrous to others. The following remarks by an expert are sound:—"Some mares—I might say most mares—are better to be regularly used at moderately slow work than to remain idle; yet there are exceptions to this rule. When mares become heavy and clumsy there is danger in working them. In every case, use them with

LIFE IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

BY OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER, MISS BEATRICE GRIMSHAW.

IX.

THE BURNING MOUNTAIN.

Tanna's great volcano, famous as it is, has been very seldom visited. The Sydney boat touches at Sulphur Bay, or near it, twice every month, going and coming, but tourists are rare birds in the islands, and even when one or two do venture to brave the fevers and the cannibals (neither of which are nearly so black as painted), there is very seldom time for an ascent of the cone.

Besides, when there is time, the tourist is quite sure that he will be shot or eaten, or both, if he ventures into the interior. There is always an ugly report of murders (native) ready for every steamer, and the inhabitants of the island, coming down on the beach in warpaint, feathers, and full armament of rifle, cartridges, and bow and arrows, do not tend to allay any nervousness that the traveller may feel. So there are very few excursions up Tanna's fiery cone; except for those indulged in by the men-of-war officers, who usually "do" the volcano as a duty if their ship happens to cast anchor in the neighbourhood.

Things, however, are not exactly what they seem in Tanna. If they had been, one may be sure my kindly hosts of the mission would not have despatched me alone with a couple of pigeon-English speaking native guides to ascend the mountain, and see what was to be seen. I had been told in Sydney that if I went up the volcano it would be at the risk of my life, as the natives about the mountain were always fighting, and fired recklessly at each other, no matter who was in the way.

Now that is quite true, and yet quite untrue. It would do to make a startling chapter in a sensational volume of travels, if one didn't keep a literary conscience eating its head off somewhere in one's desk. But it will not do as cold, uncoloured fact. The natives are always fighting about that district, more or less, and they do shoot recklessly. But one man stalking another man to murder him, or even two men similarly engaged, will not deal universal death for miles round about. And as to the cone of the volcano itself, one might safely assure the most nervous old lady who ever screamed at a mouse that not a single heathen Tannaman would venture to set foot on the spot. The Tannese have a deadly horror of the volcano, and only a civilised mission native will venture to approach it.

The climb is not a long one. I was not able to ascertain the exact height of the mountain, but it is generally supposed to be just under 2000ft, and this certainly seemed about correct. My "boys" and I started from the mission late in the afternoon, as I wanted to see the crater after dusk. I took things easily, and found that one could reach the mountain and get to the top in an hour and a half without much exertion.

We walked along the usual foot-wide bush track for a mile or two, passing through a couple of "mission" villages, where the people were clothed in bright pink and scarlet cottons, and had fairly decent houses; and meeting on the way an occasional wild "bushie," dressed in nothing at all, or in a sort of upholstery fringe of dried grass, according to sex. The women sometimes carried a pet pig, a tiny squeaker no larger than a cat, which they seemed extremely attached to, as a rule, and conveyed about under one arm, for all the world like a fashionable lady's lapdog.

The boys, of course, kept up the maddening native pace that looks so slow and easy, and in reality is so hard to follow—a relentless, long, elastic, wolf-like stride, that never slacks or alters up hill or down, that comes of an ancestry unhampered by clothing, and a life spent afoot on rough, hilly tracks, and that is bound to wear out anyone but a very strong white man in excellent training, if one gives in to its apparent slowness and struggles to keep up. I did not, having long since learned that pride of this kind may be too dearly bought in a feverish, tropical climate. I simply screamed at them to go slow, and kept on screaming at appropriate intervals, until I reduced them to my moderate three miles an hour, and made them stay there. Other travellers may find the hint useful. The tangled bush-palm and pandanus matted together at the roots with purple-flowered shrubs and trailing pink convolvulus, and linked aloft by closely-knitted lianas, thinned out by and by, and began to display a flooring of fine black sand. Then the trees ended abruptly, and we were out on a barren, desolate plain, painted crimson, buff, and yellow, curdled and coiled like the scum on boiling milk, and looking as hot and molten as though the wicked black cone in the centre had only this morning cast it forth. Yet these lava beds were old and time-worn, and where they did not clink like metal under foot, were very crumbled into brokenness. It is a long, long time—no one knows just when—since the volcano erupted seriously, though small outbursts are of constant occurrence. Still, it is by no means a force to be despised. The mission house, several miles away, is often shaken by small earthquakes that throw down the furniture and break the china; and even when the mountain is at its quietest, in periods of long drought (the connection is not understood, but drought generally means reduced activity), the throb and grumble of its crater can be felt over almost all the island.

After the lava beds are crossed a plain of black sand, level as a lake, lies before us, and right in the centre, sinister and threatening, and grim, towers the 800ft high cone. A heavy cloud of smoke hides the apex; from rents and fissures in the steep, black sides rush jets of sulphurous steam. It is steep, but the climb seems short and easy, looking across the plain—one would imagine that 10 minutes should place the climber on the invisible crest.

Alas! I have climbed volcanoes before, and I know those delusive cones. In 10 minutes the men and myself are slipping, slithering, straining, and scrambling mid-leg deep in black ash, just on the beginning of the rise. Every step is half lost before it is well gained; we dig our fingers into the tepid ashes, and clutch at lumps of slag sticking out above us, only to find them give way, and narrowly escape rolling down into sulphurous, steaming cracks that will certainly show red-hot after dusk. In 20 minutes we are only about half-way up, but the worst is over, and our toes are no longer turned upwards at an acute angle to our shins. We can see a valley on the other side of the cone now—a demoniac little place, full of sulphurous smoke-holes and ugly cracks; not the sort of spot in which to take a walk for pleasure. There will be a big outbreak there some of these days.

Up, still up! and now the sky-line in front of us is sharp and sear, and darkly outlined against a livid cloud of smoke. We are almost there. One of the men has been here before; the other has not, but we are all equally eager, and we fairly run the last few steps of the rise, up to the very verge of the pit, where we stand flapping and shaking in a tearing wind, high above the blue sea and the circled green horizon, right on the volcano's fiery brink.

It is just a little disappointing at first. One had expected a sea of fire, a welter of flame—though warned beforehand that the mountain was sulking, and not at its best—and here, when the stifling sulphur-gusts have had enough to leward to show the interior, is but a great black pit, with a red crack in the middle, and a red fire fountain letting up drops of blood away in the bottom. And after all, is it so very large?

But suddenly, without any warning, as I stand on the edge looking over, and feeling rather giddy, without understanding why, the scale of the place bursts upon me. I realise what I am looking at. The sky-line of the crater rises and sinks out so much of the surrounding world that there is nothing to compare with—but somehow the "values" explain themselves all in a second, and the crater expands like a bursting red flower, while I, deprived of my lawful sixty-nine inches and comfortable self-complacency, stand like a wretched little insect, a speck that does not count, on the verge of utter immensity. . . . It was merely my eyes, accustomed to things of moderate size, that were in fault, not the crater. Eight hundred feet is the drop from where I am standing to the sulphurous gorges and canyons beneath; half a mile at the least is the distance from lip to lip of the great black cup. And as for the powers that sleep below. . . . I did not mean to do it, I thought I had developed some nerve during the course of 10 weeks' solitary wanderings about the wild New Hebrides. I thought I could face a noise without losing head and presence of mind. But the fire-fountain jumped a hundred feet higher into the air, and the crater, like a wild and wicked brute when you put your head into its den, suddenly bellowed right into my face with the voice of a dozen tropic thunderstorms and a thousand angry bulls, coupled to something that was entirely volcanic and indescribable—something that turned one's spine to an illiest jelly, and made one mysteriously understand the motions of the star-fish that jerks off its arms and legs when suddenly terrified. I wanted to jerk off mine, but instead, I found myself running down the side of the cone hand-in-hand with two extremely frightened niggers, without an idea as to how I got there, or where I was going.

It was not courage, for I had none left, but pride of race, that stopped me half a dozen yards below the crater lip. White people must not be frightened before blacks. So I went back, and sat on the edge again—because the rush of hot wind from below, and the extreme straightness of the 800ft drop, inclined one to giddiness—and looked down again. By and by it bellowed a second time, and the whole heavens shook, while the caky crumbled edge I sat on trembled heart-shakingly. But I wanted to see this time, so I looked down, still feeling very much like the star-fish without its happy means of relief.

It was all over in a few seconds. The fire-fountain rose half-way up the crater sides, and tossed a few glowing lumps of lava into the air. They did not reach within a hundred feet of the rim, but it was rather a serious work, seeing how far they meant to go. The red crack glowed scarlet; and from the dark wolf-mouth away down at the bottom of all things, burst once and again that terrifying bellow. It was impossible not to feel that there was something alive in there, and powerful and infinitely wicked—about the place. It was impossible not to read anger and menace in the tones of that awful thunder-voice. It was the voice of Nature herself—but

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For more than an hour I stayed on the summit, watching the crater with a fascinated fear that seemed to expunge both time and fatigue. . . . The sun went down in the glassy blue sea, and the sky became a dome, the whole of the great pit was slowly lit up from below as by some infernal illumination. The grey plateaux of lava turned pink, and became spotted with holes of fire. The huge canyon darted flames invisible in the daylight; the fire-fountain glowed like molten brass. And every now and then, as if the current of the light were being turned on below by a giant hand, the whole crater slowly brightened and glowed, and the canopy of dull red vapour hanging above it grew scarlet. At such times, from the other side (an untenable position, by reason of the choking sulphur smoke) there must have been a marvellous view of a fiery valley, of which I could only see the overhanging tableland. . . . I never longed for anything so much as I longed to see into that inviting and unattainable gorge. . . .

And over all, above the jettings of the fire fountain and the booming of the crater-throat, rose, silent, still, and pure, the dark blue heaven and the eternal stars. . . . If one could write the thoughts that come in such hours and places, one would "speak with the tongues of men and angels," and say that which cannot be said. But through the iron bars of human speech, the human soul can look forth but a very little way.

The wind on the summit was bitter cold, but the cinders of the cone on which we stood were so warm that the hand could not bear the heat at five or six inches below the surface. It would have been quite possible for me to find a spot in the lee of a hillock, scratch out a very warm nest among the ashes, and spend the night there, and see the sun rise, sending the men on to explain my absence. But I had had enough of excitement for one day, and there was no water left. And one gets desperately thirsty watching a sulphurous crater in full blast. And the thought of the lemons and cool tank-water down at the Mission proved too much, so I went down without spending the night, and regretted it long after.

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A few nights afterwards, lying off the island in the Malaita, I could see the crimson cloud hovering high above the black cone, blotting out half the crystal stars. Every now and then, as before, the crimson brightened into pure red gold, and then faded again. And from time to time, the cloud-cap trembled and the hollow arch of midnight sky resounded with the booming roar of the great volcano's voice. So Captain Cook found this southward sentinel of the New Hebrides, more than a hundred years go. So we found it, and left it, eternal and unchanged, and sailed southward with the dawn, away from the islands.

About Erromanga, the "Martyr Isle," there are a good many misconceptions. The murders of five of the early missionaries on this island, including the celebrated John Williams, have fixed an idea in the public mind that Erromanga is the home of fierce savages, and almost unvisitable. On the contrary, it now shares with Aneityum the honour of being the most completely civilised and Christianised island in the group. The last murder took place thirty-four years ago; and the islanders are now as peaceable and amiable a set of people as can be found under the Southern Cross. Much of the island is given up to sheep farming, the soil and grass being excellent. It was rather a disappointment that the steamer only paused at Erromanga to land a passenger, and did not wait at all, so that no visits could be made. But that below. It was impossible not to feel that there was something alive in there, and powerful and infinitely wicked—about the place. It was impossible not to read anger and menace in the tones of that awful thunder-voice. It was the voice of Nature herself—but

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families that have been brought up in the islands, need not deter anyone from settling in the group. Like most people who stay among the islands, I brought away a touch of the trouble myself; but a very few weeks in the cool climate of Norfolk Island drove it away altogether.

Concerning the future of the New Hebrides, there is much to be wished, but perhaps not very much to be hoped. Their "cause" has dragged along for many years, and there is only too much reason to fear that it may drag for a good many more.

OUR HEALTH RESORTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read with very great interest the article in your issue of the 17th on city improvements, parks, etc. There is one direction, however, in which attention has not been drawn, and that is the Blue Mountain health resorts as breathing spaces for Sydney residents. Wentworth Falls, which is the centre of these resorts, is now about two hours by rail from Sydney, and to some may seem out of the area of city improvement; but, Sir, we have only to look back 30 years to find some of our most populous suburbs almost as far away, in distance by time of travel, from the city itself. Of all the mountain resorts there is only one—Wentworth Falls—where large areas of Government reserves extend from the railway station to the main sights. Here is an opportunity for the Government of the State to preserve one of our mountain resorts in its aspect of country life, and at the same time allow of a large increase of health and happiness to the population of Sydney in years to come. From the Wentworth Falls railway station to the gates of the Main Falls Reserve is about 1¼ mile, and, except in short spaces of an aggregate of a quarter of a mile either one side or the other of the road is reserved, and if the Government is firm in its refusal to allow any of these reserves being thrown open for sale, I predict that in less than 30 years the residents of the City of Sydney will have a breathing space within easy distance not to be surpassed by that of any city in the world. Already in most resorts on the mountains those who have to walk to the sights (and the majority cannot afford to have a conveyance) have from 1 to 1½ mile of glaring, dusty road to face before they enter the reserves, whereas here the present reserves need but slight improvement, such as undergrubbing and fencing, to make them, when seating accommodation is provided, delightful spots in themselves, as well as cool avenues, by which the various sights may be pleasantly reached. This is the only place on the mountains where the Government holds enough land along the route from the station to sights to make this possible. At the same time there is enough level land at Eastern Pacific. Coffee does exceptionally well. Millet and maize used to pay excellently, and would pay again. Almost any tropical product will grow, and grow well, and Erromanga has certainly a future before it for sheep-feeding on a big scale. Malekula is of little or no value to the settler, being almost all mountainous bush of the densest kind; but many of the smaller islands could be used profitably if there were only a market for their products.

ISLAND FEVER.

This is a matter of the greatest possible interest to all settlers and travellers. It may be said at once that the dangers of New Hebridean fever have been greatly exaggerated. Many people appear to suppose that the islands are ravaged by dread diseases resembling blackwater, yellow and typhus fevers, which lay hold of the newcomer without warning, and kill him off in a few days. This is, of course, absurd. Malaria there is in the New Hebrides; plenty of it, too, and almost everyone suffers from it more or less. But malaria only kills indirectly, by means of long and gradual weakening of the constitution; and if good food is eaten, and common precaution as to health observed, it may be, and often is, escaped. Even those who suffer from bad attacks remain well and strong between times for a long while; and many seem to labour under the inconvenience of occasional bad days, without being seriously injured in health at all. A touch of fever frightens no one, and is, indeed, regarded much as a toothache or a headache in other countries—annoying, but not dangerous. It would be incorrect to say that the island fever is not a drawback, and does not occasionally break up someone's constitution so badly as to exile him from the group for good. But it is nothing for the casual visitor to be alarmed about, and, in view of the many healthy white

IN THE GARDEN.

THE BULB SEASON.

The bulb catalogues now being issued by our leading florists and seedsmen are forcible reminders that the season is rapidly advancing for planting the first batch of spring flowering bulbs, and the month of March is the best time to commence. Later planting should be made in April. There are many pretty spring bulbs that are great favourites with most amateurs, and as they take up but little space in the garden and are easily grown, they are almost indispensable acquisitions in the garden of the cottager as well as that of the well-to-do citizen. Unlike most other plants, bulbs generally make the greater part of their growth at a season when other plants are at rest. One of the best features of hardy flower gardening is that of permanent plantations of bulbs in positions where they can remain undisturbed for some years. There are many advantages attending this kind of gardening, not the least of which is that as the bulbs become established a much better display of flowers is possible than by any system of perpetual lifting and replanting, with its attendant amount of labour. Constant shifting, indeed, in the case of bulbs, has been proved to be worse than labour lost, for even under pot-culture many bulbous plants have been found to flower better when pot-bound and apparently in need of repotting than when carefully repotted every year; and another advantage is that positions can be utilised and converted into attractive spots in the garden that have hitherto laid waste. In the case of the gladioli, bulbs may be planted in the open ground for succession nearly all the year round, in any ordinary garden soil, avoiding fresh manure, which is fatal to them. The bulbs should on no account remain out of the soil after the young growth has commenced. These handsome plants deserve a place in every garden, and should be more generally cultivated, there being upwards of 100 showy varieties to select from.

The professional bulb-grower who desires to attain the very best results grows his stock in specially prepared beds, and devotes much attention to the preparation of the soil for the various kinds; but the majority of amateur bulb-growers have to be content with planting their bulbs in mixed borders, and in beds which are occupied with a totally different class of plant at other seasons of the year. There are some very valuable bulbs not yet largely grown in our land, but all very beautiful spring and early summer flowering kinds. If we may judge from the catalogues of our leading florists, the various forms of the daffodil are as attractive as ever. Year after year tens of thousands are offered for sale in classes unlike each other, and yet all varying in colour only, from bright yellow to sulphur and white, the Trumpet, Challice, and Crowned daffodils having doubles of various shades of colour. The planting of daffodils especially—in grass, under trees, in woodlands, etc., is not carried out in New South Wales to any extent. The dryness of our climate prevents the adoption of this method to a large extent, but in cool localities, or in places where water is plentiful, very lovely results may be produced at little expense and trouble. The effect produced by this system of planting is infinitely superior to that produced by those marshalled in stiff array in formal beds. The great advantage obtained by growing bulbs in grass land is that they produce a natural effect, and each flower shows out individually. When once planted, except an occasional watering in very dry weather, bulbs in grass are very little trouble. A rough and ready way of planting bulbs in grass is to make a deep hole with a crowbar, then fill it to within six inches of the top with fairly good soil, place the bulb on the top of this, and then fill up level with the surface. This should only be done in moist weather. As many of the daffodils multiply rapidly by offsets it may be necessary to remove the turf about every fourth year and thin out the bulbs. Of course no one would think of planting rare or choice daffodils in this manner. The older varieties, such as Countess of Annesley, Princess, Golden Spur, Poeticus, and all its varieties are well adapted for grass planting. All the large Narcissi, where there is a superabundance of stock, may be grown in grass, but the smaller varieties such as the Cyclamen flowered, owing to their diminutive size, require open ground. Most bulbs have the power to plant themselves as deep as they require. Look at the life of the crocus, and notice how the plant accomplishes this wonderful feat. There will be found one long thick root penetrating straight down into the soil. Towards the end of the season this root contracts and thus draws down the bulb to the required depth, but never too far. How it gets down every one can see, but what distinctive power causes it to stop when sufficiently deep is a problem yet to be solved. It is well to remember in the case of all bulbs, that they invariably store up nourishment for next year's growth for some weeks after flowering, consequently they should be well fed and watered during that period, and not allowed to dry off immediately. When daffodils are grown in the open partial shade is necessary for most varieties, and large masses of one variety should be used. If planted in ones and twos they have little effect—they are simply lost. Planted in big clumps amongst delphiniums, phloxes, penstemons, or other herbaceous plants they have a fine effect, and as the foliage of the bulbs wither the herbaceous plants grow up and shelter them. Even where the bulbs have to be grown in specially prepared beds it is by no means necessary that the soil in which they are grown should be bare and unsightly, allowing the sun to parch the soil. Early flowering and shallow rooting annuals such as nemophelas and mignonette may be used; these would shade the surface, enhance the beauty and ensure more vigorous blooms. A deep and rather moist loam is the best kind of soil, but the daffodil will thrive in a variety of garden soils. In applying manure it should be placed about a foot below the surface, so that the bulbs when planted will not touch it, the manure is used not so much as a stimulant, but as a sponge to hold moisture in the soil. Daffodil bulbs vary considerably in size, and the planting on the proper depth a good rule is to go by the bulb itself, which should be covered with soil twice its own depth.

The hyacinth is not so well adapted for planting in the grass as the narcissus, but where there is an excess of bulbs they may be tried rather than thrown away. A deep well-drained rich light soil suits them best. If the soil is stiff use a good quantity of rough sand to keep it open, and round each bulb at the time of planting a little sand should be placed. Although rotten cow manure is the best fertiliser. Although good bulbs will produce fine spikes of bloom if grown in hyacinth glasses filled with water, they will not thrive in soil if stagnant moisture is present, yet a good supply of water is necessary for the development of fine flowers. As with the daffodil, the manure should on no account come in contact with the bulb. To be successfully cultivated in the open ground they should be planted about six inches apart, and with their crowns at least four inches below the surface. No protection will be needed, and much attention, but as they approached the flowering season be careful that they do not suffer from want of water. Single or double, they are exceedingly beautiful, but probably the single varieties bear away the palm for elegance and brilliancy, and perhaps for fragrance.

For brilliancy of colour, hardiness, and free flowering qualities the gorgeous tulip is unequalled amongst spring flowering bulbs. Although some of the varieties are more suitable for our colder districts, yet, by a judicious selection of kinds which succeed in warmer districts may be extended over a period of quite two months. A good hyacinth soil will suit the tulip. The early single tulips of the Duc-van-Thol type are the first to bloom. Then the early doubles, the flowers of which last much longer. Those disfigured or show tulips are the latest to flower. The parrot tulips are fantastically marked; they present a most striking and brilliant combination of colours, some even rivalling the finest orchids.

The climate in and around Sydney is much too hot for the English snowdrop, but in the cooler districts it may be successfully grown. An admirable substitute for it is found in the snowflake (leucojum), and of these there are several kinds. The crocus is often associated with the snowdrop, but although it stands our heat a little better than the former, it is not a satisfactory bulb to grow. Freshly imported bulbs will grow and blossom, but they soon die away. Only in cool localities does it ever thrive.

Freesias come from South Africa, and are easily grown, either in pots, or in the open ground. Of late years the gardens of Sydney and its surroundings have been gay with their spring blossoms. Any light rich soil will suit them; the fragrance of these flowers is most delicious. No less popular is the Ranunculus, being useful for bedding, massing, or edging. Beautiful colours are found amongst them—yellow, white, crimson, pink, scarlet, etc. Many are as double as any camelia or rose. They require a moist and fertile soil, and if liberal doses of liquid manure are given to the plants as they show for bloom the size of the flowers and foliage will be much increased. Remember to place the curious-shaped roots with the claws downwards, like an open umbrella. If planted with the crown downwards they will perish. Plant them about 3 inches apart, and 2 inches deep.

TELEPHONE TOLL SYSTEM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of to-day the above system is outlined. From the recent remarks of the Postmaster-General on this subject one would glean that a blessing was being conferred upon the subscriber who was in a small way of business, and who could ill afford the present ruling rate of £9 a year. Those who are at all acquainted with business, even in a small way, will admit that four calls a day is merely nominal for a business house, yet it will be found on figuring out that this number of calls will cost more than £9 a year. Where, then, does the humble business man, who is just starting, and who has (owing to the keen competition existing) to be satisfied with the crumbs that fall for some considerable time—where, I ask, is the helping hand that we are supposed to believe is held out to him? This system is a burden in the disguise of a blessing. It would be interesting to learn how many (if any) of the small business places in this city conduct their business on less than four calls a day? I venture to say that not one house in the city will adopt the new system. If they do, them I am of opinion that after the first half-year they will revert to the old system, finding the toll more expensive.

If the department, before deciding upon this new plan, had called for suggestions from the subscribers, they would have had some practical ideas put before them. There is ample time yet before the toll system comes into vogue to make alterations beneficial to the trader in a small way.

I am, etc.,
J. M. C.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It would seem that the department is desirous of widening the scope and advantages of the telephone which are at present available to subscribers to an extent which will seriously interfere with its popularity. This has been secured by a liberal and progressive policy, which should be the aim of every national undertaking.

We were informed the other day that £4 would be charged for a service giving less than three calls per diem; now it seems that £6 is to be charged for the same meagre service.

The convenience of a telephone is, of course, increased by the number of one's friends with whom one can get into touch, and it is presumed that the cost of maintenance in general is not more, but less, proportionately, than with fewer subscribers. At the rate the average number of calls stated the other day by the Postmaster-General does not seem a large one. Why then should the facilities be reduced to what I venture to say is an absurd maximum—viz., about two calls per day—and why should those calls cost nearly 2d each?

I am, etc.,
A. R. O. S.
Feb. 28.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In Wednesday's "Herald" appeared a statement, which, if true, shows that the new toll system of telephones would shortly come into force. It was also stated that the existing rate of £5 per annum for a private line would be raised to £6 per annum and that instead of a subscriber being allowed the unlimited use of his line within certain boundaries, it was intended that he should be restricted to 760 calls per annum for such payment. All calls beyond this allowance should be paid at the rate of a half-penny per call.

Seven hundred and sixty calls per annum means two calls a day. By the time the butcher and greengrocer have received their daily orders, one has used up his allowance. Should the folk at home find it necessary to ring up the police station during the absence of the male section of the family, a half-penny would be recorded against the line.

Six pounds per annum means 3.3d per day; at two calls per day, it would be costing practically twopence to order a half-peck of beans to be delivered by lunch time.

And the new switch-board rendered necessary by those proposed changes is stated to cost £20,000.

It was certainly understood that one of Mr. Chapman's ambitions was to popularise the telephone. If, before going on his present trip, he really gave instructions to make this change, he must be credited with cruel sarcasm.

I am, etc.,
OFF THE MAIN ROAD.
March 1.

A LITTLE LESSON IN HEALTH.

The idea is too prevalent that when symptoms of constipation occur, sluggish liver, headache, biliousness, indigestion, and dizziness, a drastic purgative is required. This is not so. Strong purgatives aggravate the constipated condition, by dangerously weakening the organs they act upon. The liver, stomach, and kidneys must be toned up and strengthened as well as cleansed and corrected. California Syrup of Figs performs this double duty pleasantly, safely, and always thoroughly, overcoming instead of intensifying the tendency to habitual constipation. It assists Nature without strain or violence. California Syrup of Figs is as effective and reliable with the strong and robust adult as with the fragile child. Of chemists everywhere, 1s 3d and 1s 11d.—Advt.

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THE NORTHERN RIVERS.

XIV.

THE PROSPECTIVE LOWER MANNING.

A BIG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

TAREE.

It is not difficult to understand the Lower Manning, nor is there any deep problem to solve before deciding why a territory with such potentialities and so comparatively near Sydney is not studded with farmhouses and thickly populated. The big estates bordering on the towns have stopped expansion from the centre; an undervaluation of the quality of the outlying country has prevented it being opened up. Of course, it is easy in these days of dairy farming and paspalum grass to breathe cheap philosophy, so it may be just as well to let the dead past bury its dead, and study the future. The first desideratum is to get all the inner belt of country into full working order, and while that is being done the outer belt will be sought after, now that there is reasonable hope of a railway communication.

Of the three big estates Taree is the only one that has been allowed to get into the hands of people who would thoroughly work it. All its farm lands have been sold in freehold, and only the forest land at the back of the town now remains in the hands of the trustees. The alienated parts consist mostly of alluvial deposits, reaching 25 or 30ft down to the old river bed. As agricultural land it has probably been equal to any other similar area in New South Wales. But there is a limit to the capacity of any land, and half a century of continuous maize production without an ounce of manure has brought the yield standard pretty low. Yet though the farms are small—from 21 to 35 acres—maize growing with millet, lucerne, and pigs is still giving the owners a good living. Only about four farms are dairying, but it is probable that nearly the whole of the tract will ere long be under grass, even if only for a few years while it recuperates. The ravages of paspalum may tend to hasten the change. It is a sad pest on the northern rivers, and men here and there are trying to find an exterminator. When on the Macleay I believe I mentioned that a farmer was experimenting with a parasite. In this district Mr. Robert Dyball is conducting a similar experiment. He introduces the parasite, and leaves the land uncultivated. The insect then attacks the nuts, and draws all moisture from them. Mr. Dyball is hopeful of success, but makes no pronouncement so far.

Motto Estate has never been subdivided. It is swamp land, undrained, and has seven miles of river frontage. It is held in blocks of seven small farmers and one big grazier—2500 acres of land, as good as that on the Big Swamp, and carrying only a handful of people. In the past few years when the average rainfall has been low the farmers have done excellently, but before stated, the estate has been acquired by Mr. George De Fraine for £9000, and as he is a hard-headed man of business there is good prospect of something practical being done with it. It would, if drained, give good returns for 40 families. But unquestionably Cundle scrub is the obstacle to progress. Out of its 15,000 acres only the building sites in the town and a little farming land have been sold. The balance is held by the Atkinson family, and is leased in farms and paddocks in three-year periods. That means that the lessees take the whole risk in the way of improvements, as they may be dispossessed after three years' occupancy. The estate comprises a few acres of river flat, about 4000 acres of reclaimed swamp land of great fertility, and the rest is forest country of medium quality, but which would be good pasture land when cleared up. There is some fine hardwood timber on it, particularly suited for piles. Patches of it have been cleared and tried with grass for several seasons, yet they are not responding up to expectations. Expectations range high, however, in these parts, and I am inclined to think that lessees have long had other expectations—an opening to buy. If so, they would not make too vigorous efforts to improve the land which by condemnation they might secure for a song. Even now negotiations are pending between a syndicate and the owners for the purchase of the whole estate with a view to placing it on the market in lots of varying acreage. It has been asserted that it is the Motto Estate Syndicate which is concerned, but I have a denial of that on the authority of the representative of the trustees. On the whole of this huge estate there are but 21 settlers. One of them, Mr. T. A. M'Donell, leases 11,000 acres, on which he grazes about 1000 head of stock, though the north end of his holding, which carries a beast to about 20 acres, could be easily made to carry a beast to two acres. Practically the only improvement is some fencing. No one will blame Mr. M'Donell for that, when he holds the place only for three years without option of renewal, and without interest in improvements. But if the estate were for sale under classification 400-acre blocks of the very same land would be attractive to practical men. They could make money almost from the outset, and in a few years, when the land sweetened up and became enriched, such blocks would subdivide each into two profitable farms. A similar scheme would work well in the case of large areas of forest country in various parts. There is no necessity to give men 640 acres, any more than there is wisdom in going to the other extreme. But a man should get about double what will ultimately make a profitable farm. Then he will have some encouragement to improve the whole of it, with a view of selling half later on at a profit, or placing a son upon it. In the meantime he would begin with small returns, which would increase as the scrub opened up and became more and more productive.

The cutting up of estates and the full utilisation of forest lands are going to make the Lower Manning district great and prosperous. It is not long ago that the Munnook estate of 7,000 acres, which was cut into farms of from 112 to 250 acres, and they sold at an average of about £9 an acre. The blocks could have been much smaller, and there is no doubt that they will yet be further reduced in size. Tinonee is a smart little settlement, some three miles from Taree, on the opposite side of the river. It is the shipping station for a large timber, dairying, and agricultural district, and it also possesses a broom factory. Millet thrives luxuriantly, practically anywhere about the river, and it is difficult to understand why such a profitable crop has not been more extensively cultivated. It does well on the higher lands, though but few growers have yet ventured with it off the low levels. There are splendid alluvial belts on the south side of the river, backed by forest lands, of which I have already written. They are of great extent, and when the railway comes, with its twin brother, competition, those forests will go under the plough or under grass. Again it is proper to say that spots here and there on the forest have been cleared as far back as 50 years ago, and are not turning out well. I did not see those failures personally, but it was admitted to me by my informant that no one could go wrong with 400 acres to start on anywhere. That would seem to indicate that the land had been "faults" which some enthusiast was experimenting with. It is impossible, when listening to stories of bad land, to forget Barren Forest Ridges on the Macleay, John Harman's farm on the Hastings, and the innumerable other instances of success under conditions which might have made the heart of Mark Tapley quail. There are no poor farms and no poor farmers in the whole district, and if one man ventures on unpromising land and fails to make it go, he no sooner steps out than someone else steps in and succeeds. It is the man more than the land in many cases, but the rich land has so often forced a man to success that he cannot yet understand the inverse operation. But there are those becoming wise from Tinonee right south to Forster there is forest land of which very little is taken up; while closer in, in the Manning district, there are also large areas of forest lands held by the Crown, much of it carrying marketable timber which has not so far been worked to any marked extent. The timber industry is fairly strong on the river, but the getters have now to go far back, so that it is but a shadow of what it once was. From Purfleet, opposite Taree, hewn timber is sent out; from Tinonee both hewn and sawn; and from Wingham, hewn. The principal output is, as stated in a previous article, from the Lansdowne River.

Dairying, it was impressed upon me, is only in its infancy on the Lower Manning. That is irrefutable, but it is no less obvious that farming with cultivation generally is but on the threshold of its career. Roughly speaking, there is not a root grown between Newcastle and the Clarence excepting potatoes, and as to potatoes, they are as a rule put into the soil too lush, and the quality is not good. The high lands, particularly on this river, are admirably adapted for them, and if "Seed Setter" samples could be got anywhere than come from ridge country bearing a resemblance in some particulars to the tableland soils. Carrots, turnips, and mangels would grow on almost any of the soils in the whole Manning district, and if they are good for nothing else they mean money in pigs. Pumpkins and melons are sheer weeds here. A bacon factory was once started at Wingham, but pigraising was a perfunctory affair. However, the factory is about to be reopened, and with country which will grow from 60 to 80 tons of mangels to the acre, where lucerne flourishes, where ground vines are weeds, and where there is enough maize to top off with, pig-farming should offer good profit to the farmers and good freight to the railway. More important still, it means an auxiliary that would make farming on moderate holdings profitable, a condition precedent to opening up every available acre of land, and populating the territory. There are many men farming on the rivers to-day who started without capital. They went in on the halves principle with small owners of land who had some other avocation. I abstain from touching on the principle of farming on halves as a huge mystery, but as a matter of fact the arrangement has been mutually satisfactory where it has come under my notice.

Outside of farming in the ordinary sense, a few people are making a fair living—some are few people are making a fair living—some are making substantial profits—in a more modest way. A man at Purfleet, John Carle by name, has 40 acres under fruit and vegetables and nursery gardens. He typifies the aristocracy of that class of industry. Of the other is an aged couple who have rented 18 acres not far from Taree. They have had it but a few months, and with two acres under cultivation with vegetables and fruit, are clearing £2 a week. As vegetables and fruit are purchasable only at extortionate prices, there is much opening for industrious people of small means.

EASTERN NOTES.

REMINISCENCES OF WAR.

CHAT WITH A SHIP'S CAPTAIN.

In the course of a conversation with a representative of the "Sydney Morning Herald" this week Captain Gray, who has been granted six months' holiday by the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, touched upon a number of interesting topics. He has seen eight years of sea service with the company, one of the biggest concerns in China. It has a capital of a million sterling, and supplementary to its extensive shipping and mining interests, employs labour largely in the manufacture of cement, fire bricks, and all descriptions of tiles. Most of the coal used in Hongkong and Shanghai is from the company's mines. It is graded according to quality, and the best is considered to be in all respects equal to Welsh coal. From the pit's mouth to the Hongkong market takes three days, as to Hongkong, and the Chinese product has a further advantage in the continuity of supply and the very low cost of labour employed in the mines.

Questioned with reference to the methods of engaging labour in China for South Africa, Captain Gray said:—"Chinese runners for Captain Gray are employed to go to the inland towns and villages, and bring under notice the attractions of work and pay in South Africa, and the inducements offered are sufficient to cause coolies by the thousand to offer their services at the coastal depots. Applicants are required to submit themselves to a strict medical exam., and those who pass this exam.—about 75 per cent.—are put through a disinfecting bath, and their clothes put into the fire. Two new suits of clothing are issued, and they also receive advance pay of 30dol. (60s), and are numbered and photographed separately for purposes of identification. Once on the ship—representing two months' earnings—has been made great care is taken to guard against any of the coolies absconding. They are kept in a depot until transferred to the transport steamer, and the voyage to South Africa is then made under fairly comfortable conditions. These northern coolies are of a much superior physique to the southern (or Cantonese) coolies known in Australia. They are of larger frame, far stronger, and have much greater powers of endurance."

Speaking of Russia's troubles in the Far East, Captain Gray said:—"I was in Vladivostock towards the end of last year. When my ship arrived there on November 11 everything was quiet and orderly. The following morning we saw from the ship that disturbances were in progress, and that large bodies of soldiers were rushing about and shouting wildly. The wholesale smashing of windows was followed by the destruction of the Chinese market-place, and this in turn was followed by the looting of private houses. In a very short space of time these mutinous troops (chiefly reservists) appeared to have got possession of the place, and by freely using the contents of kerosene stores they started a fire, which swept block after block in the Chinese quarter of the town. Fire brigades were called upon to restore order, but they deliberately fired over the heads of the rioters. A detachment of cavalry made a feeble attempt to overawe the mob, but was driven back. For three days and nights Vladivostock was in the state of chaos, despite unceasing attempts on the part of the authorities to re-establish control. Machine guns were landed from the warships in port, and the free use of them whenever a crowd refused to disperse brought the riot to an end. A great quantity of liquor was stored in the wharf sheds, and early in the disturbance these sheds were broken into, and a wild carouse entered upon. Subsequently the Governor of Vladivostock issued an order prohibiting absolutely the sale of liquor in the town or port."

Captain Gray had a fair share of excitement in the early stages of the Russo-Japanese war. When the war broke out his ship—the Fuping, of 1267 tons—was lying in Port Arthur. She received the permission of the harbourmaster to leave, but as the Fuping steamed out she was fired upon from a guardship, and five of her passengers were killed. Three shots were fired, and two of them struck the vessel. A party from the guardship boarded the Fuping, but being shown the harbourmaster's letter of permission to sail the officer in charge said the firing was all a mistake, and that no further obstacle would be placed in Captain Gray's way. Subsequently the Fuping was fired upon by the Russians, but she did not alter or try to do away with the existing bond system. The only case in which he himself referred the settling of the boundsmen to the accountant was that of the unpicked private. In this case a bond of £150 was required, and the sureties nominated were Samuel Brown Henderson, 4 O'Connell-street, Sydney, and Fitzjames Seawright, of the same address. These gentlemen were found to be licensed auctioneers.

Frederick Chambers, in charge of the Immigration Branch, stated, in reply to Mr. MacFarlane, that, when the two cases were referred to Mr. Cohen, witness was not aware of any intention to entrap the accountant. He knew nothing about that.

MR. MACFARLANE'S EXPLANATION.

Mr. MacFarlane said these were two cases in which town securities were named. The one he referred to Mr. Cohen was because they were town sureties; probably the other was referred for the same reason. About this time Mr. Cohen informed him that he was making inquiries through the Trade Protective Association. He told him that he was not required to do more than to state what he knew of the men to be taken as sureties. If he reported in their favour, no objection would be made to them; if he did not report, in their favour, there was nothing more to be done as far as he was concerned.

"I never," added Mr. Macfarlane, "said the accountant was not to go deeply into the matter. He could not deny that he had absolutely a free hand in reference to these two cases. I did not say the matter was to be accepted or rejected on his report. His responsibility was only as to the truth of his report. I make this statement, your Honor, from notes I took at the time."

MR. COHEN HAS A FURTHER COMPLAINT.

Mr. Cohen asked permission to make a further statement in regard to a matter which he had touched upon. Another matter Mr. MacFarlane had referred to appeared to reflect upon him (Mr. Cohen). He meant that portion of Mr. MacFarlane's statement where he drew attention to the Crown Solicitor's letter of September 6, 1904, in which he was requested to point to a possible misapprehension arising from one of Mr. Cohen's reports on this matter."

Mr. Cohen then added: "It seems to me, your Honor, that Mr. MacFarlane is endeavouring to hold me up to undue criticism in placing this before your Honor's notice. Papers are here, and speak for themselves."

Witness also drew attention to the fact that another suggestion made by Mr. Corkhill, of the Treasury—that a similar course to that proposed in connection with the Immigration Department should be adopted in connection with improvement leases—was acted on. In his evidence in chief he had referred to this.

MOREE AND WALGETT LAND.

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Mr. MacFarlane said the delay was with the district officer at Tamworth.

Witness, in reply to Mr. MacFarlane, admitted that he was as "free as air" to make reports. The department had never attempted to influence him, or to coerce him in any way. He never received any hint to develop an improvement lease policy. He knew what the Ministerial policy was by the debate in Parliament.

Mr. Thurburn asked his Honor if he would be required again.

Mr. MacFarlane said he would not require Mr. Thurburn again.

"Am I free now to go back to the country?" asked Mr. Thurburn.

"Yes, as 'free as air,'" jocularly remarked his Honor.

The Commission adjourned till 10.30 on Monday.

LANDS COMMISSION.

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE.

MR. MACFARLANE AND MR. COHEN.

A QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr. Justice Owen, the Royal Commissioner inquiring into the administration of the Lands Department, sat again yesterday.

Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by Mr. J. W. H. Houston, appeared for the Crown.

Edward MacFarlane, Under-Secretary for Lands, produced statements in relation to agricultural products raised in certain parts of the county of Leichhardt, and also particulars of areas under improvement lease in the Wagga Wagga district. There were 17 leases within three miles of Wagga, the area being 219,184 acres.

Victor Cohen, accountant in the Lands Department, was called by Mr. Davies with respect to the evidence given by Mr. MacFarlane on the previous day on the question of sureties. He said the allegation made by Mr. MacFarlane to the following effect was incorrect:—"Through the microphone I, after having heard Mr. De Low's statement, asked Mr. Cohen what cases of bondsmen had been referred to him. He said those of Messrs. Wearne, Breakspear, Cathie, Dunn, Henderson, Seawright, Frank Clarke, and E. Rea." "My recollection is," added Mr. Cohen, "that I was asked what evidence I had given regarding bondsmen, and my reply was that I had given my evidence on oath, and that it had been taken down in shorthand; that I understood it was supplied with copies of all evidence, and from it he could see what I have said. I am positive I mentioned no names. I do not understand what Mr. MacFarlane means by saying 'I did not alter or try to do away with the bond system.' My connection with it was to see to the amount of the bond in the advertised conditions. The action as to accepting them was attended to by the Occupation Branch, because in every case it will be found that 'Edward MacFarlane' is the signature that stands below the words 'for approval of sureties.' Mr. MacFarlane must know that in every case after the direction was given in the first instance to me 'to make the necessary inquiries' it would be accepted as a standing direction by the head of the Occupation Branch to refer to me. It would be interesting to know what took place after my minute of August 17, 1904, on case 5 to prevent any further references of cases to me. If I was not limited in my inquiries, why was I not directed to continue them?' As I stated in evidence before, I had not a free hand to start with. The direction from Mr. MacFarlane of November 13, 1903, directing me to make inquiries concerning certain sureties I now regard as a scheme to entrap me into the position of reporting upon the sufficiency of sureties, and make me the responsible person upon which they might be accepted or rejected."

"SOMETHING OFFICIAL ON THE PAPERS."

Mr. Davies: You say you had not a free hand to start with. What do you mean?

Witness: I regard that as a scheme for entrapping me on account of what I have read as occurring at this Commission. It appears to me that Mr. MacFarlane was endeavouring to cast upon officers of the department the whole of the responsibility for the action that was taken, and that he was not taking his fair share of responsibility. I think bringing me in was part of a well-thought-out scheme on Mr. MacFarlane's part to relieve himself of responsibility, and place it on my shoulders.

Did you think that then?—Yes. I objected to be placed in that position, and I said so then. I was not expected to go deeply into the matter. If I knew anything, I was to say it, and I did not. I was to say nothing. In the light of the evidence that has come out, I consider it was an attempt to entrap me, and have something official on the papers for future reference.

Was there any coercion?—No. It was pretty well made clear to me that I was not to make any inquiries. I received no instruction from anyone else than Mr. MacFarlane.

In reply to Mr. MacFarlane, witness said that the first reference to him by Mr. MacFarlane was made on November 13, 1903.

Mr. MacFarlane said the statement went down to the accountant in writing. "You may make all the necessary inquiries."

Witness stated that he had mentioned his objection to inquiries through the Trade Protective Association at the time. He told Mr. MacFarlane that he did not think it was the proper course to follow.

Mr. MacFarlane: Did I not tell you I shared in your objection to the Trade Protective Association?—No. You said "You are not expected to make any deep inquiries." Those were not your exact words. The instructions were on to say—"If you know of nothing good or bad, you are to say so, and the matter will be decided upon that." You were to say what you knew, and then you were relieved of responsibility?—You said the matter would be accepted or rejected upon what I stated.

Mr. MacFarlane: I am afraid, your Honor, this matter will have to remain as a contradiction of statements. That is all it will have to stand on. I will call Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Davies (to witness): Was Mr. Chambers present?—No.

Mr. MacFarlane said Mr. Chambers could speak as to the practice.

THE BOND SYSTEM.

With reference to the bond system, Mr. MacFarlane said he found it in use when he came into the department as Assistant Under-Secretary. His own opinion had been that the department was amply protected by the rent being payable in advance, and by the power to forfeiture, but he did not alter or try to do away with the existing bond system. The only case in which he himself referred the settling of the bondsmen to the accountant was that of the unpicked private. In this case a bond of £150 was required, and the sureties nominated were Samuel Brown Henderson, 4 O'Connell-street, Sydney, and Fitzjames Seawright, of the same address. These gentlemen were found to be licensed auctioneers.

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MR. MACFARLANE'S EXPLANATION.

Mr. MacFarlane said these were two cases in which town securities were named. The one he referred to Mr. Cohen was because they were town sureties; probably the other was referred for the same reason. About this time Mr. Cohen informed him that he was making inquiries through the Trade Protective Association. He told him that he was not required to do more than to state what he knew of the men to be taken as sureties. If he reported in their favour, no objection would be made to them; if he did not report, in their favour, there was nothing more to be done as far as he was concerned.

"I never," added Mr. Macfarlane, "said the accountant was not to go deeply into the matter. He could not deny that he had absolutely a free hand in reference to these two cases. I did not say the matter was to be accepted or rejected on his report. His responsibility was only as to the truth of his report. I make this statement, your Honor, from notes I took at the time."

MR. COHEN HAS A FURTHER COMPLAINT.

Mr. Cohen asked permission to make a further statement in regard to a matter which he had touched upon. Another matter Mr. MacFarlane had referred to appeared to reflect upon him (Mr. Cohen). He meant that portion of Mr. MacFarlane's statement where he drew attention to the Crown Solicitor's letter of September 6, 1904, in which he was requested to point to a possible misapprehension arising from one of Mr. Cohen's reports on this matter."

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RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

WANT OF HARMONY ALLEGED.

ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION DIVULGED.

The Commission, consisting of Judge Rogers (President), Mr. G. A. Wilson, and Colonel Burns, which is inquiring into the allegation of inharmonious relations existing among the Railway Commissioners continued its sittings at the Executive Council Chamber yesterday. Mr. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., appeared for the Chief Commissioner, and Mr. A. B. Shand, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, for the two junior Commissioners, Messrs. D. Kirkcaldie and W. M. Fehon.

Mr. Kirkcaldie continued his evidence-in-chief. He said that when the question arose regarding the two engines hauling a train up a steep grade, Mr. Oliver said to witness: "You leave me to deal with the officers as I like." Several meetings were held by the Commissioners with regard to the question of building locomotives locally. Prior to May 16 last the Commissioners were in agreement on nearly every point, but Mr. Fehon and witness were strongly opposed to the building of locomotive engines at all, but particularly at the Eveleigh shops. Mr. Oliver refused to sign the report unless they agreed to recommend the construction of engines at Eveleigh. Mr. Fehon at length suggested that the engines be built there as an experiment, although he had grave doubts as to whether they would prove satisfactory. Knowing that Mr. Oliver and Mr. Fehon held divergent views, witness agreed to a minute sacrificing his own views. Witness was then at the point of leaving for Canada. There had been a discussion once or twice previously on this question. On April 25 Mr. Oliver being then in Tasmania, the Premier sent for Mr. Fehon and witness to see if a contract could not be let for building engines in the State. The Commissioners prepared a report on the subject. After Mr. Oliver's return from Melbourne he came into witness's room, and told him that he placed him in a very awkward position. Witness told him that the report was written in order to reach finality. Mr. Oliver said, "I am not going to take any action, but if I am asked for an opinion by the Government it will be a very different opinion from yours." Witness told him that he had no right to take the other Commissioners to task in that manner.

Mr. Shand: Was Mr. Oliver correct in saying that he asked you to give the various reasons which induced you to change your opinion?—No, he knew all along.

And that you flatly refused?—There is no truth in it.

Mr. Oliver says that he afterwards wrote his minute?—I did not see it.

Has Mr. Oliver, before giving evidence here, ever alleged before that he asked you to give your reasons for changing your opinions, and that you refused to give them?—No.

On another occasion the witness continued, an angry discussion took place between Mr. Oliver and the Premier regarding some information which had leaked out. Mr. Oliver denied having given the information to anyone. Mr. Oliver, at a later stage, spoke in sentences in such a way to lead him into saying, in the presence of the Premier: "Now that you have gone so far, Mr. Oliver, you compel me to say that you have been in communication with Mr. Nash, of the 'Daily Telegraph.'" Mr. Carruthers then asked witness if he had ever written a letter, and he had written a letter. Mr. Carruthers said that it was a very unfortunate thing, and asked him if he had a copy of the letter, as he would like to know exactly where he was. Mr. Oliver said that he had not a copy, and Mr. Carruthers wrote him down as "Mr. Nash. At the termination of the interview Mr. Oliver said to witness in a tone of great irritation: "You were seen to go into my room, open my drawer, take out a letter, and read it."

A "DIABOLICAL ACCUSATION."

"That accusation," continued witness "made me almost speechless with indignation. I told him that it was such a diabolical thing that I would have to bring forward at once the man who had made the statement. He replied that he could not do it. I then said: 'This is a serious thing to be passed over in this way. You should bring this man before me at once.' He would not do it, and I left the room without getting any satisfaction. Within three-quarters of an hour I had occasion to go back to Mr. Oliver's room. He was talking to Mr. Nash, and I left. Next afternoon he said 'You must have seen Mr. Nash during that letter in the room.' I said that I did not."

Some time previous to the accusation the witness said he had seen a letter relating to locomotives lying on Mr. Oliver's desk when he went into his room to see him. The letter was typewritten, and was not marked private. Mr. Oliver afterwards told him that that letter had never been sent to Mr. Nash.

The President: Must not all these differences have involved a tremendous strain on all of you?—Yes.

For myself I do not know how you managed to do your work?—That is so.

If it had been my case I think it would have killed me.—It dragged me down about four years ago.

When did these differences begin?—I was appointed Commissioner on October 5, 1897, and they began in February, 1898. Up to that time I could not have desired anything better.

The witness proceeded to explain the method of conducting meetings. The Commissioners took notes every night about what had taken place during the day. It was not their practice that any officers should know of the differences which occurred.

The President: I suppose you could foresee what would occur?—I knew that it would happen at some time or other.

Mr. Shand: There were many occasions on which you or Mr. Fehon dissented from the others?—Yes, sometimes Mr. Fehon would dissent from the others and sometimes I would; but we did not refuse to assent to what was agreed upon.

Mr. Campbell: Had you an answer to your letter from the Premier regarding the charge of inharmonious relations?—Yes.

It seems unnecessary to ask you if you entertain unfriendly feelings towards Mr. Oliver?—Personally, no.

THEY DON'T SHAKE HANDS.

Although you don't shake hands?—Let me explain. At one of the interviews we had with Mr. Waddell in 1902, at one of which Mr. Waddell told him that he would have to abide by the will of the majority, Mr. Oliver was exceedingly upset. Every morning we shook hands with him, but on the morning after the interview he came into Mr. Fehon's room and made no offer to shake hands. From that time I have only twice shaken hands with him.

The President: I don't know whether that counts for much. There are a lot of people whom I don't shake hands with whom I like much better than those I have to.

Mr. Campbell: You were relieved at not having to shake hands?—I thought it was better, if we were going to have all these rows.

Did you make the charge that the disagreements between you were prejudicial to the public interest?—Yes, in the sense that every disagreement of this kind must be so.

You think that Mr. Oliver was responsible?—Yes.

Yet you say that you entertain no illfeeling towards him personally?—Personally, no; but I think he has erred a good deal.

The President: Did you say to him, "You shake hands with me in the morning and treat me badly in the afternoon"?—I have not the remotest recollection of saying that.

PLEASANTER RELATIONS.

"I may say," continued the witness, in reply to another question, "that since this Commission has been sitting we have held meetings, and they have been the pleasantest meetings we have held."

Mr. Campbell: Did you know that Mr. Fehon sent in a list of similar charges against Mr. Oliver?—Yes.

And that for the purposes of this inquiry you joined forces?—I will not admit that.

But you have one counsel and one set of instructions?—Yes.

And whatever information has been supplied has been furnished in your joint interests?—Yes.

Do you know that all along Mr. Oliver has refused to make any complaint against you?—I did not know it.

I want you to indicate a single matter of importance in which you and Mr. Oliver were against Mr. Fehon, or you were against Mr. Fehon and Mr. Oliver.—Mr. Fehon held very strong opinions regarding the plans of the new railway station. Mr. Oliver and I did not agree with him. I agreed with Mr. Oliver.

Is there any official record of anything of the kind?—No. If Mr. Oliver and I were in agreement, Mr. Fehon never once refused to concur. Neither have I ever differed with Mr. Oliver and Mr. Fehon when it came to a decision.

In further cross-examination the witness said that Mr. Fehon once told how that during Mr. Eddy's absence in England in 1895 there had been talk amongst Ministers of appointing witness as acting Commissioner, but that Mr. Oliver told Mr. Reid that if this were done he would resign. Since hearing that statement witness took notes of the various differences that occurred.

Mr. Campbell: I suppose you will admit that Mr. Oliver was actuated by a desire to serve the public interest?—I have no reason to think otherwise.

Are not Mr. Oliver's reasons such as he might honestly entertain?—To my mind no. The minutes in the Shellshear case are not consistent with that assumption. We drew Mr. Oliver's attention to the Act, which he disregarded.

The witness was cross-examined at some length with reference to the claims of Mr. Shellshear and Mr. Kendall to the position of Deputy Engineer-in-chief. He denied having suggested that Mr. Oliver had improperly influenced Mr. Fraser in recommending a division of the duties.

MR. OLIVER'S SENSE OF DUTY.

Mr. Campbell: Do you think that Mr. Oliver's attitude was not consistent with a sense of public duty?—I cannot understand a sense of public duty which provides for an increase to one officer of £125, to another officer of £75, and to a third of £50, without giving a senior officer a reasonable increase of £50.

Now, after that long harangue, perhaps you will answer my question.

The President said that the remark was offensive. It was not necessary to refer to Mr. Kirkcaldie's explanation as a "long harangue."

Mr. Campbell: Mr. Kirkcaldie is too intelligent not to understand that it was not an answer to my question. To the witness: You had made a certain charge with regard to Mr. Oliver's attitude on this matter. Do you say that the attitude taken up by Mr. Oliver as indicated in his minute of August 22 was not such as could have been taken up by Mr. Oliver in the public interest and in good faith?

Mr. Shand objected to the question.

The President: Do you suppose for one moment that we are likely to be influenced by what may be imputed against anyone?

The question was repeated.

The witness: Do you force that upon me? If so, I would rather not answer it.

The President: We can take that answer.

Mr. Campbell: You suggest that Mr. Shellshear's appointment was forced upon you by the Act?—I do not say that. Section 79 of the Act says that when promotions are made no officer shall be passed over without cause.

Will you admit that Mr. Oliver was right and you were wrong on the question of the western coal contracts?—No.

I suppose you will not admit that you would have escaped censure if you had followed his advice?

The President: Where is Mr. Oliver's advice? I have looked it up. The Commission found that none of the unsuitable land would have been better to have had only one year's contract, and that the Irondale and Ivanhoe coal should have had another chance for the purpose of fighting the 'cute manager of a very strong combine.

The President went on to say that he did not see how the coal contract question affected the inquiry. They had already reported on it.

Mr. Campbell replied that there were certain circumstances which were not reported on, and that it was one of the matters complaining of which inharmonious relations were charged.

The President: So there were inharmonious relations?—Undoubtedly. I do not want to give my reasons as to what was done in that report. It would be better perhaps that I did not.

Mr. Smith whispered a remark to Mr. Campbell.

The President: Well, we won't have it. There is a good deal being said which is being inspired.

Mr. Smith: I merely remarked to Mr. Campbell that he ought to press it

The President: Very well. That matter was one of the most bothersome and painful things that I have had to do in my life.

THE PRESIDENT ON CROSS-EXAMINATION.

At a later stage the President intimated that if he were alone on the Commission he would not cross-examine any recommendation on the evidence given before the Commission. He had never before been on a commission so constituted, but if he had his way he would stop it at once.

Mr. Campbell (in astonishment): Stop cross-examination?

The President: As the Commission is constituted, I cannot; but I would very soon do it, and you could make any representation you liked to the Government, to the House, or the public.

Mr. Campbell: I hope that the President will not take that view of it.

The President: I am not taking any view. I am quite ready to let you go on with your examination, but I do not want to hear it stated that the Commissioner from whom Mr. Oliver was right. That was your question. I do not say that the Commission found that every one was right.

Mr. Campbell: There was no statement of that kind.

Mr. Kirkcaldie said that he was sorry that he was not represented at the first stag. of the Commission. He knew how to run railways, but he could not follow evidence in a court.

The President, after a conversation with Mr. Wilson, said it would be better if no further reference were made to that question, as a matter of public propriety.

The witness was then cross-examined regarding the attitude of the Commissioners with reference to locomotives. He was still under examination when the Commission adjourned till 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday next.

LAW NOTICES.

MONDAY, MARCH 5.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—Banco Court, St. James'-road.—Motions generally, motions on notice W. and A. McArthur, Ltd., v. Lyne (no common jury of twelve); same v. same (for special jury of twelve). Motions, etc.: Ex parte Edmund Bennett and another (prohibition), for confirmation of order; ex parte Henry Harps (prohibition), for confirmation of order; ex parte the Commissioner for Stamps, re Elliot Meyer, for payment of stamp duty; ex parte the Master Tailors' Association of New South Wales, industrial union of employers (prohibition).

Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Mahomet Khan v. Mungubah, motion for decree; Hyslop v. Beards and another, motion for injunction. At 10.30 a.m.: Mitchell v. Mitchell, hearing; West v. Mahoney, hearing.

Before the Master in Equity. At 11 a.m.: Carmichael v. Wilson, to proceed on accounts.

Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Mount Hope Copper-mining Company, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Australian Equitable Investment Company, Limited, to settle minutes of order.

Before the Full Court in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Creditors' petitions, George Brown, E. P. Capper and Sons, Ltd., James Wolstenholme, Ltd., and Roderick Bros., v. Isabella Ann Phillips (Petersen, Hayward and Co., Ltd., v. Margaret Rely; motion to annul sequestration order, Edward Charles Chase Campbell; certificate applications, John William Hayes, James McLean, James Clout, John McMahon, William Alexander Corbett, Herbert Emanuel Jones; motion under section 61, John Clarke; single meetings, Paul White, Sarah Emma Brewster, David Wilkins, Herbert Leslie Skinner, Peter Donald Raven, Charles Christopher Cullen, Amy Ager Ross.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members, at the Probate Court, Chancery-square.—At 10 a.m.: To be mentioned—The New South Wales Typographical Association, claimant, and New South Wales Master Printers' and Connected Trades' Association, respondent; Masters and Engineers' Association of New South Wales, claimant, and Ferry Owners' Association of Sydney, respondent; United Labourers' Protective Society of New South Wales, claimant, and the Master Builders' Union, respondent; the Sydney Municipal Council Employees' Union, claimant, and the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, respondent; re Sydney Coal Lumpers' award, for extension of award; re Carpenters' award, to be mentioned. At 12 noon: Colliery Employees' Federation of the Northern District, New South Wales, claimant, and the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association, respondent.

Industrial Arbitration Office.—Before the Registrar, in the Public Works-buildings, Phillip-street.—At 11 a.m.: The New South Wales Association of Operative Plasterers, and the Operative Plasterers' Association of New South Wales, to settle the minutes of order varying award, and for common rule; Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, Australian District, v. Porter and Green, to settle minutes of order for common rule.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, at 10 a.m.—All undefended actions, and afterwards the following defended actions: Sabiel v. Stephenson (part heard), Scanlon v. Mendley (part heard), Short v. Gunn, C. Von Hagen and Co., Ltd., v. Kemp.

Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

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THE REEF MARVELS.

Back from all the parched North-west, soon to be green and luscious in the monsoonal rains, I came to the marvel of the Barrier Reef—the coral wonder of the world. My definition of heaven is North-east Australia between May and September, the Queensland coast for a thousand miles in the no-called winter. I have gloated over its memories in the bitter middle of the year in Melbourne, and in the end have rushed away from mere duty to its romance; and last January in Glasgow smelt of the Northern sea, the colour of the great reef, the opulence of the Northern jungles were so tangibly present that my homesickness broke out in verse at least once a week; seeing instead of the Barron rising through the creepers of the jungle, and to my ears the reverberance of Fleet-street drowned by the thunder of the Reef.

From Broadsound to Cape York the days and nights, the sea and sky, the ship that rarely rocks its keel an inch, and never closes its ports for a thousand miles and more, are all expressions of tangible romance and visible enchantment. The scented breath of a bush fire from the land, the tropic scents of the tide-bared reef mingled with the odours of towns that seem to be made of pineapples; distant reefs lying in the sea like shadows, the mountains of the main blue in the distance, the lazy inner sea lipping 1300 miles of sand and coral, the water shining like a taut bow-string under the sun, and by night a silver plane that bears the ship as placid as a resting gull.

From any point in the south the reef can be reached by railway, and without a foot of broken water, and from Keppel Bay to Torres is a thousand miles of millpond calm. The railway track from Brisbane is full of interest of a different sort; Beerwah, Ngungun, Coonowrin, and Tibberawocknum—mountains which are not so fearsome as their names; Bundaberg and the sugar planters of the Burnett; the fine city of Rockhampton, and near it Mount Morgan, one of the world's mining wonders.

Civilisation has done much for Cairns, but not too much. The plateau beyond it, the rich alluvials, the dense vegetation of fern and orchid, the tangle of immense cedars, lianas, and wild banana, have not been improved out of existence by the actors in the wondrous story of persistent courage represented in the scaling of the Cairns Range by the old tracks. The Barron Gorge and the falls are still as wildly beautiful as when Captain Cook sailed almost under the shadow of Bellenden-Ker a hundred and thirty-five years ago, and named the arm of the sea by Cape Grafton Trinity Bay. The traveller now scales the wall of mountain luxuriousness and in a train, skirting the kauri-grown gorge of the Barron, and almost splashed by the spray of Stony Creek Falls; leaving Cairns sitting in the wreck of its jungle a foot or so above high-water mark—sweltering in the sun heat in the summer, when it achieves from 12ft to 15ft of rain, but merely hot in the winter, and healthy at all times; and borne swiftly through many tunnels and around dizzy curves ramparted with bananas and ferns.

Once on the tableland at Kuranda another new world opens to the Southerner. He has had the wonder of the reef passage, and the romantic new experience of a tropic town in his own Commonwealth; and now comes to him the marvel of the scrub. He has seen the Barron Falls at Kuranda, so indescribably magnificent that only a bad craftsman would attempt a description; a quarter of a mile of mad water leaping 800ft to a gorge wandering like a reptile to the sea—a serpent in diorite—and halfway down the descent of the Barron River into the gorge a central tooth of blackened rock, and on it a tree growing calmly in all that hell of tortured suds and water.

To the falls has succeeded typical North Queensland plain country—granitic, ant-hilled, sparsely wooded with gums. The railway forks at Mareeba—he northerly branch to Chillagoe and its rocks, caves, and other lime formations of great beauty—the Balancing Rock, the Leaning Rock, the Lizard's Head, and the caves at Giroffa; the southerly railway strikes over an elevating plain of basalt, and, in 18 miles or so, reaches it terminus at the Atherton Scrub. There is absolutely no more beautiful forest nor any richer soil on earth than this. I lived in and near this Atherton forest a year or two, and to me its beauty is as fresh and alluring as when I first saw it, nine years ago. There are cedars and crow-foot elm and silky oak—rosewood and satin-wood—ferns, orchids, and flowering vines carrying a burden of blossom from ground to summit; banyans of marvellous extent an decorative beauty. Lake Eacham, the unfathomable, which was once an active volcano, and is now a tarn of violet water in the mountains, is only two hours away; Herberton, with its climate of Southern Tasmania, but 3000 feet above the level of the coach road across the range.

Queensland's very length of coast line and the number of excellent harbours have assisted in a policy of decentralisation unknown to the South. As a result there is not one coastal railway system, but five, so that the voyager of the reef may see the back country of Townsville, Charters Towers, to far west on the Cloncurry-road, Cairns to Chillagoe, Cooktown to Laura. The tramways of local government link the sugar lands with the sea at Lucinda, the Johnstone, Cairns to the Mulgrave, and at other points. The Barrier itself is practically unknown; yet its value economically, apart from its value in beauty, makes it one of the great assets of Australia—neglected though it be at this moment. It produces £100,000 a year or so to Queensland, and it has the potentialities of a million. The area inside the reef in Queensland waters is 80,000 square miles; it is full of raw wealth; pearlshell and corals, fish, and beche-de-mer. It has been made a safe highway for all the ships of the world on the eastern route to the north; it gives to Australia—the land of big things—the longest stretch of pilotage in all the seas.

All its reefs, and shoals, and pools, and all its depths, are full of life; the channels and lagoons within the corals are instinct with bewildering beauty. All the corals are there—not the dead, bleached skeletons of corals which we see in glass cases flanked by a stuffed and preposterous blow-fish; but with all the brilliance of the living coral animal, who is no more an insect than the shark is an insect. The living reefs have all the colours of the tropics; the lavish hand which tints the painted finch, and splashes pigments on the bird of paradise, and paints the parrot-fish a livery of scarlet, black, and grey, has worked upon these corals, dyeing them in colour schemes the Southern eye will at first sight call impossible. The great violet bouquet-shaped madrepora; coral in delicate spikey flowers—the branches of buff, and the petals of magenta; staghorn corals tinted in millionous variants of brown, green, yellow, and lilac; the madrepora rosaria—pale lemon at its base and flesh pinked at the tips; labyrinthine coarsely toothed corals—their ridges golden browns, their valleys myrtle green; corals of pale pink, purple, brilliant rose, and blue. A tongue of reef—its two masses split by a fathom channel awash at dead low springs—growing slowly through its thousands of centuries, from the symmetrical corallum, a few inches wide, to this tremendous marvel; its growth on its axis finished; and after a million years of action still increasing on its periphery—the finest illustration extant of the beauty of all prudent energy.

Carbonate of lime can be a dead and ugly thing; here on the Barrier it is a thing of infinite loveliness. Coral shaped like skulls, and therefore called brain corals, having the freaks of cerebral markings, and giving their name to the peculiar Skull Island, which looks like an ancient battle ground of low-grade types, their white skulls shining in the sun; corals corrugated like alligator skin; asteroid or star corals; the giant anemone and an attendant galaxy of sea-stars; the frills and furbelows of the clamshell—ultramarine, and peacock-blue, and green; spotted in turquoise and barred in black; corals, shrimp-pink with yellow terminations; cup corals, convoluted and long-stalked; corals in large ovate masses, looking in the light-green water like a flock of sheep in an English meadow in early spring; corals like cauliflowers in shape and deep violet with cream edgings for colour; the nodular masses of organpipe coral; the corals of Dog Reef, near Port Denison—shaped like a swimming dog; the branching corals of the Madrepora Lagoon; all growing joyously in the opaline water, which is at once the mirror and the shield. All the beauty of form of the prepared coral is but the bleached skeleton of the brilliant life of the reef.

In the pools between the reefs grows the broad-bladed sea grass, which is the favourite grazing ground of the dugong—that sea pig which was the Siren of the Ancients and the mermaid of the later sailor man.

No man who has once seen the life of the reef may forget it. The brown wall of Florence and Ghiberti's doors and the Baboli Gardens; the Duomo of Milan; the Grand Canal and Maria Assunta at Venice; the garden of the Pincio in Rome; Pichi Pichi grass in the Lake country of South Australia; the Tower of London Rock at Chillagoe; the Barron Falls; sunrise in the Indian Ocean—no man may forget these things. But if he could, the knowledge of the Barrier Reef must stay in the memory, painting itself in brilliant primary colours and with all the forms of the bizarre.

The deep indigo of Heliopora coral as the foot snaps it; a giant anemone 2ft in diameter, brilliant in the shallow pools of three-quarter ebb, and a fish and a lobster as brilliant as their host living on friendly terms with the anemone and swimming in and out of its mouth; their one attendant a white and transparent prawn, spotted in yellow and red; a starfish of dappled Antwerp blue and suckers of chrome; clam-shells growing to a length of 10ft and a weight of a ton—Captain Cook called them giant cockles, ate of some small ones, and saw that they were good; and all the miracles of lime, estimable for the fact that the coral of the Quetta Rock grew up to striking distance of the ship in the space of forty years.

One of the most important industries of the reef is beche-de-mer or trepang fishing. The trepang are present in the pools between the reefs in all shapes and colours and varieties, and generally visible at low water, lying like great black cucumbers on the sand. They are collected during low tides in the new and full phases of the moon. Boiled, dried, and smoked, trepang is worth up to £90 per ton. Truly is our land the land of plenty. The European millionaire pays thousands of pounds to buy at Monte Carlo the thing we get here for nothing—sunshine and blue skies; for the Casino is but the sauce piquante of the feast. The magnate of England buys turtle or trepang soup at 7s 6d a plate, and along the Queensland coast you find it and other delicacies of our tropic seas included in the half-crown meal. Along the reef are many islands—each in itself a Pacific Cosmos. The island beaches are of coral and shells, with a central belt of trees and pandanus. On the lee side the coral shore sloping gently seaward; on the weather side a two-mile half-circle of reef, enclosing a lagoon thickly populated with shark and turtle. Noddies, terns, gulls, herons, and curlews, shrieking above the surf noises; the reef pools filled with brilliant fishes, ultramarine-bodied and yellow-finned; black with a single electric blue stripe; big blue-spotted stingrays; the grotesque tobacco-pipe fish—a weak swimmer and easily captured—of golden and azure spotted brown, sheltered in these great coral basins that spring suddenly from unfathomable depths. The Torres Strait pigeon—believed of the sportsman, in a left-handed kind of way—roosts in the forked branches of the ti-tree; there are scrub hens and green bee-eaters, whose throats are a vivid blue, and who wear two long narrow feathers in their tails.

On the islets or the mainland, the man of the gun will find the sportsman's paradise; in the waters within the reef, the fisherman has waiting for him the king representative of salt-water life—the government bream, the parrot fish in shoals of a score strong, the barramundi, the silver-bar fish, and the king fish. If he wants excitement there are the great reef-sharks; the shark which is merely a superior-fleshed kind of flattened-out shark, and is a fine food wasted in all this spend-thrift plenty; the horned oxray, who measures 12ft across his expanded fins; and the dugong, which sits up in the water and nurses its young like a woman, but, by reason of its stupid surprise which is the permanent expression of its fat vulgar face, looks not like a mother but a Mrs. Gamp discovered in the act of embezzling the invalid's brandy.

The waters of the reef are full of a gorgeous waste of food; the immense shoals of herring, mackerel, anchovy, and pilchard; of schnapper, bream, rock-cod, and giant herring, live, and swarm, and spawn, and die—and we still import, dried in tins, the inferior fishes of colder seas.

Turtle—the green, edible, the tortoise-shell variety—and the red and yellow backed hawksbill, are all here, and come ashore at every cay to lay their eggs; and the curiosity of all this wonder—a delicacy of the reef—a small marine worm known as the palolo, is recorded as appearing in millions for two days only in October and November, the day before and the day on which the moon enters the last quarter. This phenomena is commonest in the further South Pacific.

Two days before the last quarter phase the natives of the Southern Pacific Islands assemble in canoes; next dawn millions of worms appear on the surface, discharging the milt in white streams as they swim. During the three hours of appearance the canoes are loaded with them; they are eaten raw; baked in the leaves of the breadfruit. Once well known, the gourmets of the Old World will pay fancy prices for the palolo, and commerce will fatten on this delicacy.

They are all unforgettable—the divine air, the opulent warmth, the splashed colours, and the soft waters of the North; the love and lady's finger sponges growing in the brilliant copses of coral; fish who have been to China for their form and studied Japanese art for their pigments; finny arabesques and curves of green and red, salmon and black, grey and orange, blue and yellow; fish who are all protective fin and tassel; aldermanically stupid fish, with a score of long, brown pennants waving from their heads; mad fish, with long retrousse noses; tasselled, banded, striped, speckled, barred, spotted fish, each painted like a Carpentaria finch.

There be Australians who do not know their country; who have no conception of the luxurious North; and who pursue the tropics to Colombo at great cost—suffering the seas of the Bight and the oppressive ten days across the stale, greasy swell of the Indian Ocean to Ceylon; when, at half the expense, and in luxurious ease always, North Queensland and the wondrous reef and the beauties of the main lie awaiting them. The round trip to Cairns or Cooktown by the fine steamers of the Adelaide Steamship Company is a matter of an easy month; if time does not tie the tourist there is another new world in Torres Straits and its islands; a polyglot, poly-chromatic world of pearlers and Burghis and trepang fishers—and all the new and interesting native peoples of North Queensland waters—of the Three Sisters and Babaa of Darnley and Vaghser. It is all memorable, all beautiful, and all our very own.

THE NEWTOWN TRAGEDY AND PROMOTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Allow me through the medium of your valuable columns to draw the attention of the public to the recent action of the Inspector-General of Police in the way he rewarded the services of Constables Iverack and Truscott, who played such a prominent part in their attempt to capture the murderer of the late Constable Wallace. We find the reward given to these brave and zealous officers is simply a monetary one to the extent of £5, and this is not borne by the generous public, but paid out of the police reward fund, which comes from fines credited to that fund by order of the police magistrate. I don't think these two officers stand in the unique position of having their gallant services recognised by a paltry monetary reward unaccompanied by a medal or any other token. (It might be said these men's services will not be overlooked, but let me inform the public that if these men made the slightest mistake their past service of bravery would be overlooked, and they might be told they were useless men.) It is only of recent occurrence in Newtown where a police officer stopped a runaway horse attached to a milkcart, and his services were rewarded by a gold albert, and I would like to ask the public to weigh the two cases and see who ran the greater risk, and give an unbiassed expression of opinion, and say whether they will be satisfied in allowing these two gallant officers' services to be so scantily rewarded.

I maintain that after perusing the evidence given before the coroner the very least reward that should have been made to these two constables would have been promotion to the rank of first-class. Independent of length of past services. It is said they were not long enough in the service to warrant their promotion, but let me ask, what about the officer who captured Grenon in 1894? He was only 18 months in the service, yet his length of service did not prevent him being promoted to the rank of first-class. I maintain the officers in this case ran greater risks. Why, then, not equal recognition of meritorious services rendered to the State by brave men? I am, etc.,

Camperdown. W. H. SPARKES.

A GALLANT RESCUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In a recent issue of your paper casual mention was made of the rescue of a young girl from drowning by Miss Robinson, aged 14, daughter of the lessee of Brighton-le-Sands baths. This rescue was made at great personal risk owing to the roughness of the sea, and the girl having sunk out of sight, when Miss Robinson was hurriedly called in. She, however, dived in at once, and after a lengthy stay under water succeeded in finding the drowning girl, who after half an hour's work at resuscitation was sufficiently restored to be removed. This, I am informed, is not the only occasion upon which Miss Robinson has distinguished herself in rescue work, for which she has never received any public recognition by our life-saving societies or similar bodies. Feeling assured of the undoubted merit of the present instance, apart from the worthiness of previous actions, through the medium of your journal I would request that the foregoing be made known, that recognition be no longer withheld where it is so justly deserved. I am, etc.,

Arncliffe, Feb. 26. A. E. WILLIAMS.

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SCIENCE FOR GIRLS.

BY K. L.

In the present movement towards improving the methods of education in this country the introduction of better science teaching has not been forgotten, but a great deal still remains to be accomplished in this department.

The main objects of science teaching are three in number—first, to train in scientific habits of thought and to create such an interest that shall lead to a desire for further knowledge; second, to teach fundamental facts and principles, that may enable the pupil to solve the common problems of everyday life; third, to give training in experimental work, so necessary for the furtherance of the aforesaid. These objects are so interdependent that it is impossible to gain any efficiency in one without the help of the others. Thus, scientific thought is founded on experiment and observation, and it leads to the recognition of facts and principles. Fundamentals cannot be attained or maintained without the proof afforded by experiment. Experiment gives the material for thought.

Do the present methods of teaching attain these objects satisfactorily? The method prevailing in most of our schools is that the teacher reads over the lesson with the pupils from a text-book, giving further explanations, and sometimes giving concrete illustrations. This set lesson is then prepared by the pupils, and they answer questions on it at the next lesson. The general rule is to tell the pupils as much about the subject as possible, and consequently the teacher is to be seen on the previous evening looking up various books of reference to gain the knowledge required. It is a question whether this method tends to scientific habits of thought. Both in my own experience and that of others, I have noticed the tendency it has to destroy thought in the majority of pupils, even in those who by nature have scientific habits. The slightest vagueness in the teacher's expression will give rise to mistaken ideas in the minds of some, and in none does it leave a good and beneficial effect. Such is the result of the teacher's undigested knowledge. When the pupils do not habitually think, no uneasiness arises in their minds requiring a further explanation.

A useful knowledge of fundamental principles cannot be obtained without thought. A certain principle or law of nature may be learnt by rote, but it cannot be understood unless it has been worked out by each individual, and unless understood it cannot be applied. In science, experimental work is the beginning and the end; scientific habits of thought have experiments for a basis. A generalisation from these experiments leads to the expression of the principle or to the formation of a law, while the fact that this is deduced from a number of instances leads first to its verification by others experiments, thought out by the pupils themselves, and performed under their own direction, and then to its repeated application in daily life.

The sciences taught generally in New South Wales to girls are botany, physiology, and geology. In only one school, to our knowledge, is physics, and in only one chemistry. Physics has been a regular subject in New Zealand for many years for both girls and boys; their standard in general is higher than ours. The knowledge of these two sciences demanded by this University for art students is certainly not much, but quite sufficient, as has been proved, to be used for elementary instruction in school if it be followed up by personal experiment and thought, and if the basis of the lessons is experiment and not book-learning. The failure even of an experiment often contributes to the benefit afforded by the lesson itself.

Examining the more commonly taught sciences in turn, and the efficiency of the children's preparation for them, the portion of botany included in the school curriculum is that devoted to vascular plants, i.e., the two highest and most complex divisions of plant life. Certainly this accords with Locke's principle, "Link new knowledge to what is already known," but in this connection it is only new knowledge about the known, and the pupils never get the main outline of the whole subject, to which they can add their own observation of details; they only get the details of one corner of it. On the other hand, there is another principle to be remembered. "Proceed from simple to complex" (Herbert Spencer), and this is violated again and again. A school text-book which begins with the different parts of a highly-organised plant, which is only too visible to all eyes, and then expects the child to understand that this large structure is built up of many little cells which are themselves invisible, is asking the child to believe in a miracle. How many really comprehend, and therefore believe, the phenomenon? Just so much knowledge is not enough; it is too big a lump. Better not go back to the cell element at all than give a child room for doubt if a statement made by her teacher be true. But the cell element is necessary to the subject, and consequently more pains must be taken to fill up the gap. Show a drop of pool water to a number of pupils who have passed examinations, and can name handfuls of the fungi should be fully dealt with because of their importance in agriculture and disease, the "rust" of wheat being particularly interesting, and next the mosses and lichens. After having traversed these firs steps in plant development, with all the eagerness and interest of peeping into a new world, and having now a very fair idea of how plants may be built up, the pupils will follow with zest the study of the last two divisions—first, ferns, water-plants, and lycopods, which generally are barely mentioned; and secondly, phanerogams. To keep the cell structure properly in view, diagrams are not quite enough; they give a false or confused idea of the size of the cell, and in the end the pupil has no clear conception of it. Plant structures must be examined, by naked eye, by magnifying glass, and by microscope if successive, last of these being most important, the two former serving as a necessary preparation.

The same remarks apply to physiology. The fact is not sufficiently kept before the pupils that the human body is nearly related in structure and functions to the lower animals, and in too many cases there is no idea of the mutual relationship which exists throughout the whole animal kingdom as well as through the vegetable.

Passing on to make a few remarks which apply generally to all the three sciences we are dealing with, but particularly to geology, our earth, with all that is on it, is governed by certain fundamental principles and laws of nature. Does any one of these three sciences teach these simple truths? In all of them the pupil is assumed to have some acquaintance with the fundamental laws and facts which commonly come under observation; but a haphazard acquaintance, such as this cannot fail to be, is not enough. It must be an understanding and intimate acquaintance, founded on experiment and thought. Botany, physiology, and geology have physical and chemical questions so freely interspersed that to teach them with any effect under the present circumstances necessitates numerous digressions from the main subject to explain points which should come more properly within the scope of a lesson in physics or chemistry. Elasticity, stress, strain, hardness, rate, density, porosity, filtration are words which have a very indefinite connotation for children; and yet they read these words in their books so often that it is not considered necessary to test whether they are understood, or to make the connotation more definite. They in fact do need a great deal of experiment and thought for their explanation. Proteid, starch, osmosis, emulsions, sugars, are only puzzlers to children. The structure of matter is only a vague idea, if any, to the ordinary child, mass and volume are frequently regarded as synonyms. How many in a class can give an answer to the question, "Why does gas burn?" "Because you light it," most will say, but can trace no further cause, and apparently do not wish to. In geology it is taught that the heavier rocks lie underneath, and if a curious pupil wants to know why, it is sometimes that the bodies of rocks sink lower than lighter ones. That answer is not sufficient for a scientific mind. The explanation to be a good one will need to go right back to the structure of matter, and the relation between mass and volume. The answer would fill at least a whole lesson, and not more. Suction, balance, weight, friction, etc., etc., are terms of which one is supposed to know the meaning by common sense, yet few children really understand them. They are all vague ideas, and their true sense can only be explained by experiment. Volume, pressure, forces, resistance, elasticity, velocity, are only some of the physical terms which need experiment and thought on the child's part before the phenomenon of a bounding ball can be made clear. So many handy bits of knowledge, sometimes called "odds and ends" in ladies' journals, really have their foundation in chemistry and physics. The removal of a grease spot, cutting off the top of a bottle, necessity of abstaining from tea when taking tincture of iron tonic, the difference between roasting and boiling meat, loosening the glass stopper of a scent bottle, etc., etc., etc., are all applications of fundamental principles. Must they remain "odds and ends"? Surely it is better far to know and understand the underlying principle which would lead to its application to many other circumstances, and to the abstinence from the application where it would have no effect. One learns in time that benzine will not take out dirt from cloth—how many can tell why?

Let the children then be led to think, to learn the fundamentals and apply them to little things, while they are young, while their senses are acute, while they delight in action, while they have not yet begun to regard the washing of hands, the swing, the ball, the flying of birds, cooking and burning, the vibration of wires, the flashing of light as either trivialities not worthy of thought or as processes, the causes and results of which are so familiar that it is waste of time to think of the process itself in all its details. No longer will they be odds and ends, but the applications of principles when belong to a connected system. The more complex sciences, if introduced later, will be much more easily assimilated, and in consequence give much more lasting benefits to their students.

POULTRY.

Questions relative to fancy or commercial poultry keeping, diseases, etc., should be addressed to "Ancona," Herald Office.

T. R. (Balmain).—Your chickens have diphtheritic roup, a dangerous and contagious disease. Kill all those that are badly affected. Any other chickens that show signs of cold should be removed from the flock, and treated as follows:—Wash the mouth and nostrils with warm water to which has been added a few drops of disinfectant twice daily. Give the bird a teaspoonful of salad oil mixed with three or four drops of eucalyptus and the same of terebene morning and evening.

F.F.C.—Your letter was through some cause delayed, hence the omission. About the other matter write to Messrs. John Fairfax and Sons.

Florence.—Egg-eating hens are at times difficult to cure of the habit. Fill some eggshells with a paste composed largely of mustard; leave them in run or nest. The hen will go for them as she does for the fresh article, and soon gives up the habit.

Robberther.—Any of the booksellers can supply you with a cheap book on the Homing Pigeon, which will give you full particulars as to breeding, training, etc.

The table-poultry competition, which has several times been referred to during the past five or six months, was held during the present week. Only the preliminary stage, i.e., dressing, judging, etc., has so far taken place. The marketing in London is for the breeders the most important part of the business, and the part by which each will gauge the result of the experiment. That a large portion of the ducklings and fowls will sell for what, in England, will be called good prices there cannot be a doubt. The expenses connected with such undertakings have, however, been the great handicap. Preparation charges, high freights, insurance, landing, and other expenses amounting in the case of large birds to about a shilling each, with a minimum of half that amount for the smaller specimens, make a total cost that appears prohibitive from a profit point of view, particularly as the bulk of the present shipment would sell locally at from 6s to 8s per couple of birds. That this good local demand is not yet met remains a fact, and realising the many local conditions, particularly the food and wages bill, affecting the industry, the opinion prevails that the supply of good-quality fowls such as those referred to will for a long time to come be short of even the limited local requirements.

It was away back in August or September last that breeders were made acquainted with the present scheme to prompt the poultry men to improve on their present methods of breeding table fowls. Big prize money was offered in a number of classes for the best 20 specimens of the various breeds, to be delivered five months hence at the Government Export Depot, and to be prepared there for export. A response of some 80 entries was received at that time, representing about 1600 head. This quantity was reduced by the committee requiring that the original 20 be brought down to 12 in each case. This, with a considerable number of breeders who dropped out of the competition, finally reduced the totals to about 700 head, which, with a number rejected, left to leave the shipment at approximately 600 head of chickens and ducklings. The bulk of them are of excellent quality, although a number are considered rather old for the English market, while a few lots are wanting in meat quality. However, a very few of the breeders represented have had any experience of marketing poultry in England, the varied qualities and breeds included in the consignment will thoroughly test the business, and place beyond doubt the possibilities of a payable oversea poultry trade, which some think impossible.

Black Orpingtons are now the leading breed for numbers, and 17 lots were prepared at the Export depot. Some of these were from fanciers' yards, and others from market poultry-men, both classes getting into the prize-money. A few lots failed to meet the instructions that the limit of age was fixed at five months, quite a number of specimens presented reaching fully seven months. However, the size did not count in their favour, the fish birds belonging to Mr. J. Ahern, of Arncliffe, being selected for the first place. The birds and over getting into third and fourth place. The judging was done on the point system, size, quality of breast-bone, general appearance, and colour, being the considerations. Following are the winners in the order of merit, and the points scored:—Black Orpingtons, J. Ahern, 94 points; W. Frame, 82; Griffith Brothers, 78; Grantham Poultry Farm, 76; W. Frame, 71; W. T. Ely, 70; E. Waldron, 69; S. Ellis, 69. In white-legged chickens, including buff Orpingtons, Faverolles, an others, the first and second prizes went to Grantham, with 95 and 79 points, respectively; W. R. G. Walsh, 68. But three lots competed in the Wyandotte class, Bracey, 79; Strode, 72, and White Leghorns, Brierley, 76; ditto, 67; Carney, 60. The crossbred classes were a disappointment. Game-Wyandotte, and two entries of Houdan-Brahmas making the three lots, the former winning with 78 points. Indian Game were, a few years ago, well boomed as table fowls. Not an entry of this or other Game appeared. Orpingtons Cayuga had but two entries, Ely, the winner, scoring 80 points. Leghorn Capons, Brierley, 85 and 77; Ellis, 76. There were eight or nine lots of excellent ducks, and quite a number of shockingly poor quality, Powell and Gough secured the first four places in white ducks, all choice, Moss, Brown, and Ellis scoring in the order named. The coloured or crossbred ducks were a failure for quality, a number were rejected, Ellis winning, and Armstrong second. A few of the poultry, and many of the ducklings failed to reach a certain standard, and will not be shipped.

In connection with breeding poultry for export, as distinct from the local marketing, several new handicaps were witnessed at the preparation of the present shipment, an important one being the rough usage the live fowls are subjected to on the railways. A lot which came from Albury one fowl arrived dead, and others were so trampled on as rendered them unfit for export. In a lot of twelve Wyandottes, which came a much shorter distance by rail, two or three were trampled on to an extent that rendered them unfit for packing; this led to the whole lot being treated as rejected, there not being enough of sound ones to make a complete crate. In other instances, in order to fill a case with twelve good birds, fifteen or eighteen were sent in to select from, and every surplus fowl was faulty in some way, trampled on, deformed, or otherwise unsuitable to send to London. These defects cannot be seen when the fowls are alive, and when sold locally the poulterers' art can make a presentable fowl out of them, but when rejected for London it adds to the cost of those exported, all showing that to realise a net return equal to local selling rates a single bird in London should fetch as much as a pair do in Sydney.

The Lithgow Show, held at the end of last week, had a fairly good display of Orpingtons, Wyandottes, and Minorcas. In the former classes Bonaventure was first, Cadell second, this order being reversed in the pullet class. Cadell had both firsts in the Buff classes, and won the Poultry Club's medal for the best bird in the show, with a black Orpington hen, which had previously scored at Wollongong, Gosford, and Singleton. The usual Wyandotte exhibitors divided the prizes in these classes, while Bonaventure scored in Minorcas and other breeds.

The Poultry Farmers' Co-operative Society held the first of a series of pure-bred poultry sales on Wednesday last, when a big catalogue was presented. All the popular breeds were represented, and good prices realised for good quality birds. Consignors are reminded that for these pure-bred sales quality is of more importance than numbers. Single birds of superior merit always sell well, while well-mated breeding pens of black and buff Orpingtons, Wyandottes and Leghorns should realise satisfactory figures throughout these sales, the next of which is to be held on the 14th instant. The society purposes shortly entering into more extensive premises.

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THE NATIVE TROUBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BY E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

"There is always something new from Africa," is an expression as old as the days of Cato the Censor. It is a remarkable fact that every European Power that has interfered with African affairs, or endeavoured to conquer a portion of the Dark Continent, has sooner or later been landed in serious trouble, if not absolute disaster. Regulus, the Roman general, was captured and foully ill-treated; Pompey was slain in Egypt, Julius Caesar found himself in a very tight corner in Alexandria, and Mark Antony committed suicide there. St. Louis was taken prisoner in Africa, and later on Napoleon had to fly from there. The Portuguese founded settlements on the same continent, but have since gone down the hill. Then the Dutch possessed the Cape of Good Hope for two centuries, but were eventually conquered by the British, and the latter have had their hands full of trouble ever since they went to Table Bay—in 1803; they have been fighting the Dutch, the Kaffirs, Basutos, Zulus, Matabeles, and Boers. In fact, if the war account of the British were totalled up, it would be found that they have spent over three hundred million pounds—to achieve what? Simply the sovereignty of a country where there are two hostile populations, the rinderpest among cattle, drought, the tsetse fly among horses, but little agricultural and pastoral pursuits of a crude order. Of course, there is the offset of diamond fields about Kimberley, and enormous gold deposits near Johannesburg. But who profits by all these? Very few Britishers, but many foreigners. In modern days France has had her troubles in Algeria, and Spain with Morocco. England has had serious conflicts with Arabi Bey in Egypt, and El Mahdi and the Khalifa in the Soudan; and an Italian army has suffered a severe defeat from the Abyssinians. The King of the Belgians has made a certain amount of progress on the Congo, but at any day there may be a black upheaval there which will wipe his African Empire out of existence. The Germans have had trouble on both the eastern and western coasts of Africa, and by this time, no doubt, they are sorry that they ever tried to settle there. Within the last few months there has been a narrow escape from a great European war, owing to the aggressive conduct of Germany towards France on the Morocco question. But for the entente cordiale between Great Britain and France that war would undoubtedly have resulted. In fact, the Arabs are the only people who have done well in Africa, and they have succeeded by the aid of the sword. Their bloody excursions in search of slaves and other booty have established a fearful name for them in Africa, and the result is that the Arab to-day is the most potent factor before the eyes of the Africans—because he rules by fear, and not by love.

This brings me to the position of the black native in South Africa to-day. Whether he be Zulu, Kaffir, Basuto, or Matabele, he belongs to the Bantu race—a number of tribes driven southward by the Arabs and others years before the British settled in South Africa. We conquered them in turn, and we have overthrown the Boer republics; but in front of us stand millions of the Bantu people, who are now well armed with modern rifles and well horsed, and who have been for years itching to drive the whites into the sea. But for the interference of the British they would have overwhelmed the Boers in 1877-78, and they are now much more numerous and powerful than they were then. Having made plenty of money by acting as drivers, etc., during the late Boer war, many of these blacks are now independent and saucy; others of their number are angry because they were driven out of employment at the mines by the Chinese. More object to the hut tax and the poll tax; others, again, have not forgotten the glories of the Zulu kingdom, and would like to revive theirs. These blacks, whether they be Kaffirs, Zulus, Basutos, or Matabeles, have been preparing for war for years past; and their recent resistance to a British officer is but one of many evidences of their ingrained hostility to the whites, whom they outnumber by nearly five to one.

According to Mr. Lionel Phillips, one of the Reform Committee on the Rand, "Of all the problems with which the present and future statesmen of South Africa are faced none can compare in gravity or complexity with the native question. Stated in brief terms, it may be defined as a standard of the relation between the white man and the black man." And with that black man go an ever-increasing population of coloured people of various hues who have been born or reared in South Africa. In that country there is a majority of the white people who object to the bestowal of representative rights upon the blacks, while in England there is an academic sympathy for them as brothers. "Under the grondwet of the late Transvaal Government," according to Mr. Lionel Phillips, "the native received no political recognition at all, and was indeed described as 'creatures,' the same conditions applying practically to the Orange Free State."

Now we find that there are signs of an incipient rebellion among the blacks with regard to the hut-tax and the poll-tax. It was exactly in this way that the Boer war of 1880-81 began. The Boers objected to pay the taxes, after they had allowed annexation by the British, and when an attempt was made to collect the taxes by selling a bullock-waggon the fat was in the fire, and Laing's Nek, Majuba Hill followed. Harking back to the native trouble, the peaceful and sympathetic policy of the British has been the cause of the trouble. Before the land where the natives live passed under the British flag tribal wars and conflicts with the Boers caused a deep population down, but since the British have taken possession or thrown their suzerainty over these lands the population has increased enormously. Lord Milner appointed a South African Native Affairs Commission in 1903 to consider all native troubles, including their marriages and the effect of polygamy. This commission sat for 17 months, and examined 400 witnesses. They decided that the word native should include every aboriginal of South Africa and also half-castes and other descendants of natives. The leaves their number at 4,650,682 blacks, with 434,629 other coloured persons and 110,884 Asiatics, against 1,185,016 Europeans in South Africa. The commission reported in favour of some measure of representation for the natives in the Legislature, but decided that no native should vote for a candidate for whom a European had a right to vote. This is something like the representation of the Maoris in the New Zealand Parliament. The commission showed that polygamy is on the decrease, partly on account of the increase of the male population, and partly because of the higher cost of living and the loss of cattle through plague. The commission also found that the natives desired to be freed from the control of European churches. The visit of some of the American missionaries appears to be partly responsible for this. The cry of "Africa for the Africans" has been largely disseminated by black missionaries. The Ethiopian Church, in fact, excludes any white man from the fold. The attempt of the whites to resist granting the franchise to the blacks has created a strong feeling of hostility on the part of the latter, and they are not at all satisfied by the argument that in India the blacks are not allowed to vote. India, they hold, is a despotic country. The blacks are fully conscious of their mental inferiority to the whites, but nevertheless they do not relish having their voting power limited. To give them some recognition is to gain their goodwill; to refuse it is to breed enmity. So far the report of the commission presented to Lord Milner. Travellers to Natal and the Transvaal, such as "Indicus," the author of a book recently published, have noted the growing hostility of the blacks. Be the causes of it what they may, however, there can be no doubt that the black races of South Africa are gradually growing more hostile; and if this is quite probable, therefore, that we may have an outburst of war from some of them, which will have to be severely put down. The result of such a conflict may be the unification of the Briton and the Boer in an effort at self-preservation and the domination of the whites in South Africa. In that case the uprising of the blacks may prove a blessing in disguise, as it will cause a better feeling between the late antagonists in South Africa, and perhaps generate a stable and progressive confederation under the Crown in the lands which were recently the scene of so much strife and discord.

EMPLOYEES' PICNIC.

The employees of Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons' Iron and Marble Works held their annual picnic at Bondi Aquarium and grounds. The event was highly successful, the attendance numbering over 400. A varied programme of sports was carried out satisfactorily. Dancing to excellent music in the spacious pavilion was continued throughout the day and evening, and a programme of songs and other items was much appreciated. At the luncheon Mr. J. A. Sheldon, manager of the ironworks, and Mr. W. Berkley, manager of the marble works, responded to the toast of the firm.

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SOCIAL.

In consequence of the heat in town during the past few days social entertainments have been few and far between. The country resorts are still filled with visitors, and many of the large town residences are still closed; those who can do so wisely remaining in cooler climes. His Excellency the State Governor came down to town during the week upon official business, but returned again to Moss Vale.

We have been requested to state that the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Allen Taylor) will be "at home" to her friends next Monday afternoon, the 5th inst., in the rooms set apart for her use at the Town Hall.

The Lady Mayoress will preside at a meeting to be held in the vestibule of the Town Hall, by permission of the Lord Mayor, on Wednesday next, for the arrangement of an entertainment to be given in aid of funds for the Thirimere Home for Consumptive Women. An appeal is made to the women of Sydney to give the movement their sympathy and support. Messrs. Brough and Fleming have placed the Criterion Theatre at the disposal of the committee gratuitously, and many offers of assistance have been promised. Sir John See and Dr. M'Intyre Sinclair will speak at the meeting on Wednesday, particulars of which appear elsewhere in our columns.

The "World" says the "Bridge" tea has been a great feature in winter entertaining in Paris and provides an excuse for wearing the best of visiting dresses. Velvet is the most striking material used, and its wearer is almost sure to be the figure most in evidence at any company. White gloves are still the only wear, and in Paris they are worn very long and wrinkled at the top. Long earrings are also much worn, emeralds being the stone of the moment, and some drop earrings made entirely of diamonds are lace-like in their delicate workmanship.

On Thursday afternoon, at Jean's Rooms, George-street, Miss Blanche Withers, eldest daughter of Mr. J. W. Withers, J.P., Parramatta, was entertained by about 40 of her girl friends. Miss Withers sails for London on the 10th inst., and upon her arrival in England is to be married to Mr. E. G. Chamberlain, R.N., who is well known in Sydney as assistant-paymaster on H.M.S. Royal Arthur, and the tea was given as a farewell. During the afternoon each friend presented the guest with a souvenir, and many wishes were expressed for her future happiness.

A farewell entertainment was given to Miss Brenda Barnet at Ranelagh, Darling Point, on Friday week. During the evening Mr. Percival Barker, on behalf of the guests of Ranelagh, presented her with a pearl and turquoise pendant, and a programme consisting of a number of musical items was rendered.

A wedding took place at St. Kelran's Church, Golden Grove, on Wednesday, February 14, when Miss Katherine Lilla Draper, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. Draper, Redfern, and of the late Mr. Draper, of Braidwood, was married to Mr. Francis Joseph Keogh, eldest son of Mrs. James Keogh and the late Mr. James Keogh, of Redfern. The Rev. Father Battle performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Draper; Mr. T. F. Flynn was best man, and the Misses M. Draper and M. Keogh acted as bridesmaids. The bride wore white book muslin, made with a transparent yoke, and elbow sleeves, and trimmed with Valenciennes lace and insertion. She wore a wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet. A diamond and sapphire brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, was also worn. The bridesmaids were dressed in blue silk muslin and pale pink silk muslin, respectively, and wore gold bangles, gifts of the bridegroom. The church was decorated and crowded with friends. The wedding party, which was limited to relatives, afterwards adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall, Enmore-road, where the breakfast was held. Among the many presents received were gifts from the girls of St. Kieran's and St. Benedict's. The happy couple took their departure, amidst showers of rice and confetti, by the afternoon train for the mountains and Jenolan Caves. The bride wore a travelling dress of navy blue voile, and white crinoline straw hat, trimmed with pink geraniums.

A marriage was celebrated at St. James' Church, Sydney, on February 14, when Miss Elsie May Upfold, second daughter of Mr. Charles Upfold, of the Bungalow, Toronto, and Orange Grove, Raymond Terrace, was married to Mr. Frederic Algernon Norton, of Western Australia, eldest son of Mr. C. T. Norton, late principal of Singleton Grammar School. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore white crepe de chine, handsomely trimmed with Duchesse point and an embroidered veil, with a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bridal bouquet. She also wore a handsome pearl bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. Her two sisters, the Misses F. and Grace Upfold, acted as bridesmaids, and were dressed alike in white mousseline de soie, trimmed with Bretonne lace, the pattern of which was outlined with pale heliotrope. Their white picture hats were trimmed with lilac blossoms, and they carried bouquets of La France roses, and each wore a gold bamboo bracelet, presents from the bridegroom. Mr. Norton was best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the company adjourned to Sargent's rooms, George-street, where the wedding breakfast was served, and the newly-married couple received the congratulations of their friends. The bride's travelling dress was a grey tailor-made costume, with hat to match.

The marriage of Mr. Herbert E. Jack, second son of Mr. R. R. Jack, F.S.S., F.F.I.A., and Miss Mabel Wright, daughter of Mrs. A. E. Wright, of Darlinghurst, was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, Lismore, last month. The bride was dressed in white surah silk, and accordion-pleated chiffon, edged with ribbon and lace, with elbow sleeves, and a transparent yoke. She also wore a coronet of orange blossoms, with a handsomely embroidered veil. Her gold necklet was the gift of the bridegroom, and she carried a shower bouquet. Mr. A. V. Jack was best man. The Rev. D. Kirkpatrick officiated. The wedding breakfast, which was served at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, was attended by a large number of guests.

The marriage of Miss Ida Lilian Moseley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moseley, of Dubbo, to Mr. C. J. Toose, youngest son of Mr. H. T. Toose, was celebrated at Dubbo on February 9. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. W. McNeil, M.A., Presbyterian minister. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of mousseline de soie, trimmed with accordeon pleated chiffon. She also wore a wreath and embroidered veil, and a gold bangle, and carried a prayer-book. Miss Ella Hobbs acted as bridesmaid, and wore blue silk muslin, trimmed with frills and chiffon, also a pale pink muslin hat. The honeymoon was spent at Mount Victoria.

At St. Andrew's, Summer-hill, a pretty rainbow wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, 15th ult., when Miss Ethel Evans, youngest daughter of the late Mr. W. G. Evans, of Wagga, was married to Mr. Lancelot Pawden Evens, only son of the late Mr. C. W. Evens, of Mackay, Queensland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond. The bride wore a beautiful dress of crepe de chene, and her wreath of orange blossoms was arranged beneath a lace veil, and she carried a shower bouquet, which, with a handsome pearl and turquoise bangle and pearl ring, was the gift of the bridegroom. She was accompanied by five bridesmaids, the Misses Ethel and Laura Hoare, Ethel and Thelma Downs, nieces of the bride, and Miss May Kevin, cousin of the bridegroom, who wore dresses of pale pink, blue, lemon, and heliotrope silk respectively, and wreaths and veils, and carried bouquets, which, with their gold bangles and gold necklet, with amethyst and pearl pendant, were the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Thelma Downs, who preceded the bride strewing flowers in her pathway, wore a white silk. Mr. H. D. Evans, brother of the bride, acted as best man. A reception was held later at Carnarvon, Lewisham, the residence of the bride's sister. The bride's travelling dress of grey crepe cloth was worn with a lace hat trimmed with pink roses.

Two weddings took place at Coolamon on Wednesday, February 21, when Rev. R. W. Holden officiated in each instance.

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BIRTHS.

BAILEY.—February 17, 1906, at Stoneleigh, Homebush, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bailey—a son.

BOULTER.—March 1, at Gnalia, 309 Miller-street, North Sydney, the wife of W. D. Boulter—a daughter.

ELLIOTT.—February 8, at Drummoyne, the wife of J. A. Elliott—a son.

GORDON.—February 25, Sunday, 4 a.m., at Exeter, Riley-street, wife of F. H. Gordon—a son.

GRILL.—February 24, at her residence, Carey-street, Tumut, the wife of George F. Grill—a daughter.

HAMMOND.—February 18, at Endymion, Ashfield, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark F. Hammond, Mologa—a son.

HILL-GRIFFITHS.—February 20, wife of A. J. Hill-Griffiths, Dulwich Hill, of a daughter.

JOHNSTON.—February 10, at Mount-onan, Yass, the wife of Darcy Johnston—a daughter.

MAYFIELD.—February 23, at Yowie Bay, the wife of R. Mayfield, Hartley, Belgrave-street, Petersham—a son (premature).

MILLER.—December 23, 1905, at her residence, Barcoola, Grosvenor-street, Neutral Bay, wife of G. A. Miller—a son.

RAE.—February 27, 1906, at Glen Ayr, Waverley-crescent, Waverley, the wife of James Rae—a daughter.

RICHARDS.—February 22, 1906, at her residence, Arcadia, Centre-street, Tempe Park, the wife of Edwin A. E. Richards, of a daughter (Ruth).

STEEL.—February 22, at Elton, Ebley-street, Waverley, the wife of A. N. Steel—a daughter (Lillian Gertrude).

THOMAS.—February 22, at Bonnie Doone, Windsor-road, Petersham, the wife of A. J. Thomas (Broken Hill)—a son.

TINGLE.—March 1, at Nurse Brown's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tingle—a second son (Grantley Eason).

WILSHIRE.—February 25, at Corinda, Lewisham, Mrs. Hector Wilshire—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GRAHAM—GAWNE.—January 25, 1906, at the Methodist Church, Newtown, by the Rev. E. Fox, Richard Cummins, fourth son of Archibald Graham, of Glebe Point, to Florence, third daughter of Walter Gawne, of Selby House, Newtown.

HARRICKS—THOMPSON.—January 31, at St. Andrew's Church, Summer Hill, Hugh Bertram, eldest son of late Dr. John Hugh Harricks, Maryborough, Queensland, to Elsie Maude, youngest daughter of William Henry Thompson, Wynalla, Prospect-road, Ashfield.

HOPKINSON—PARKER.—January 17, 1906, by special license, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Lismore, by the Ven. Archdeacon White, Victor Burchall, second son of W. H. Hopkinson, Lismore, to Ida Et. Louise Beauchamp, eldest daughter of H. F. Parker, Capetown, S.A., late of Sydney. English and Capetown papers please copy.

LOCK—HENDERSON.—January 29, at Erina, Station-street, Petersham, by Rev. Dr. Sellors (President of Canberra), James Henry, eldest son of James Lock, to Elsie Grant, fourth daughter of the late James Allan Henderson.

McDONALD—SMITH.—January 31, at St. Patrick's Church, Cootamundra, by Father O'Driscoll, Andrew Douglas, son of Archibald McDonald, Bombala, to Gertrude Alice, youngest daughter of James Smith, Kogarah, late of Shoalhaven.

MACWILLIAM—McGRATH.—February 14, at St. Andrew's Church, Wagga, by Rev. C. Beel, Samuel S. (H.M. Customs, Sydney), fourth son of John Bunarr, Macwilliam, marine surveyor, Dublin, to Winifred J. E., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGrath, Wattle Vale, Wagga Wagga.

MARR—MOYNAN.—January 24, at St. James' Church, Croydon, by Rev. C. Beel, Elizabeth Theodora, second daughter of Eugene Th. Marr, Esq., J.P., of Katoomba, Blue Mountains, and granddaughter of late William Edward Bayldon, Esq., of Launceville, Petersham, to J. Y. Moynan, of Summer Hill.

NORTON—UPPOLD.—February 14, at St. James' Church, Sydney, by the Rev. C. Carr Smith, Frederic Algernon Norton, eldest son of Charles T. Norton, late Mosman, Sydney, to Elsie May, third daughter of Charles Uppold, of Waratah, Newcastle.

POLLACK—WATSON.—February 23, by the Rev. J. T. Thorburn, B.A., Woollahra, Alfred J. Pollack, Solicitor, South Grafton (son of S. F. Pollack, Esq., Governor of Biloela Gaol, Cockatoo Island), to Janet Laura, eldest daughter of W. J. Watson, Esq., Gainsboro', Smith-street, Balmain.

PORTER—PAWLEY.—January 24, 1906, at the Baptist Church, Boulevard, Petersham, by Dr. Thomas Porter, Thomas Haines, second son of Dr. Thomas Porter, The Manse, Boulevard, Petersham, to May Campbell, elder daughter of John W. Pawley, Euroma, Yule-street, Dulwich Hill. At home 8th and 9th inst.

SMITH—FLAXMAN.—January 31, at the West End Methodist Church, Balmain, by Rev. W. G. Willard, William Andrew Smith, eldest son of W. and B. Smith, Balmain, to Ida Grace Flaxman, eldest daughter of B. and M. Flaxman, of Balmain-road, Leichhardt. English papers please copy.

WALKER—FRASER.—February 21, 1906, at the Presbyterian Church, Albion Park, by the Rev. R. Miller, B.A., William Gilbert, eldest son of R. E. Walker, Clouss, Richmond River, to Jessie Isabel, third daughter of Alex. Fraser, Rosslyn, Albion Park.

YOUNG—THOMSON.—February 17, at St. Michael's and All Angels, New Farm, Brisbane, by the Rev. A. Rigvins, Charlotte, fourth daughter of the late John Thomson, of Carnbell-street, Balmain, to Wallace Milton, third son of Alderman George E. Young, of Darvall-street, Balmain.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

BROOKS—WILDAY.—February 26, 1881, at St. Barnabas' Church, George-street West, by the Rev. Edward David Madgwick, James, eldest son of the late Joseph Brooks, Windsor, to Priscilla, youngest daughter of the late John Wilday, Penrith; 83 Baptist-street, Redfern.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

ASHDOWN—WAGHORN.—March 3, 1856, at Church of England, by Rev. E. Vaughan, Chart Sutton, John Ashdown, youngest son of the late William Ashdown, carriers, Yalding, Kent, England, to Eliza Ann, third daughter of the late John Waghorn, of Norton Court, Offhand Farm, Kent, England. Present address, Norton-court, Andrea-street, Petersham. House papers please copy.

MURRAY—CONYNGHAM.—February 28, 1856, at St. Mary's Cathedral, by Rev. Father John Therry, Charles, youngest son of Charles Murray, sen., of Ulladulla, N.S.W., to Elizabeth C., second daughter of Edward Conyngham, of Sydney. Present address 85 View-street, North Annandale.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON, W. H.—March 1, suddenly, at Sydney Hospital, most beloved husband of Agnes Anderson, and loving father of William and Nellie Anderson, Elizabeth Hamilton, Mary Mitchell, father-in-law of James Hamilton, and respected friend of A. O'Regan, aged 45. At rest.

BOONE.—March 2, at her residence, No. 28 Derwent-street, Glebe, Elizabeth, relict of the late Francis L. Boone, of Redfern, aged 66 years.

CHAPMAN.—March 2, at Sydney Hospital, Elizabeth Chapman, age 33 years, the dearly beloved wife of William Chapman, youngest daughter of Thomas Sullivan, of the Glebe. Funeral to-day to Rookwood.

DE MOULIN.—January 26, at Armidale, Jules Antoine De Moulin, native of Alsace, suddenly; also January 28 and 30, Dorothy May (Dot) and Patricia Genevieve (Trixie), daughters of the above, and grandaughters of the late Owen Gorman, captain H. M. 80th Reg. Foot.

DOLPHIN.—March 2, 1906, at South Belgravia, Gowstreet, Balmain, Sarah Dolphin, aged 86 years.

DUNLOP.—February 24, 1906, at her residence, Railway Town Police Station, Broken Hill, Bridget, dearly loved wife of Walter Dunlop, youngest daughter of Bridget and the late Thomas Tracey, beloved sister of Mary and Owen Tracey and Kate Clark, leaving two little children to mourn their sad loss. R.I.P. Inserted by her mother, brothers, and sisters.

FITZPATRICK.—January 27, 1906, at her parents' residence, Lagoon Flats, Burragorang, Mary Fitzpatrick.

HARPER.—March 2, at her residence, Haxeldean, Lincoln-street, Stanmore, Sarah Catherine, the dearly loved wife of John Harper, formerly of Glebe Point, aged 75 years.

KIRBY.—March 2, at his residence, Nubis, Johnston-street, Annandale, Henry Matthew, the dearly loved husband of Mary Kirby.

LAMBLEY.—February 28, 1906, many years a resident of Oakesdale, Ann Lambley, age 72 years, eldest daughter of the late John Bain, sealemaker, Park-street, Sydney. Inserted by her loving brother, Samuel Bain, and sister, Mrs. Jane Lindsay, of Deniquile, Henry-street, Leichhardt.

MALLETT.—February 23, at Kalgoorlie, Charles Mallett, aged 44, beloved brother of George, Harry, Walter, and Eliza. Gone, but not forgotten.

MANN.—February 27, at his residence, Ayr Cottage, Wallis-street, Woollahra, Andrew, beloved husband of Isabella Mann, aged 75 years. Interred at Waverley Cemetery, Wednesday, 28th February, 1906.

MCNAMARA.—March 2, at the Sydney Hospital, Michael McNamara, aged 65 years. R.I.P.

STUART.—March 2, at her residence, 47 Elizabeth-street, Ashfield, Isabella Jane, relict of the late Charles David Stuart, of County Wexford, Ireland, and Blackheath, London, in her 79th year.

SULLWAY.—March 2, 1906, at his late residence, 32 Liverpool-st, Paddington, Thomas Sullway, aged 16 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BERRENDT (Robinson).—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Jane Berrendt, who died at 19 Mansfield-street, Balmain, March 5, 1900. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

BOURNE.—In ever affectionate remembrance of our dearly loved sister, Maggie, the youngest daughter of the late T. Bourne, who died March 3, 1901, aged 20 years. Ever remembered by those who loved her. Inserted by her loving mother, brothers, and sisters, Arthur, Tom, Frank, Alice, and Maude.

BOURNE.—In loving memory of our beloved sister, Maggie, who entered into eternal rest March 3, 1901, aged 20 years. "For He gaveth His beloved sleep." Inserted by her loving sisters and brothers, Louie, Emily, George, and Joe.

BURNS.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Mr. Robert Burns, who died March 3, 1868. Sweet Jesus have mercy upon his soul. Inserted by his son and daughter, Mrs. E. Peterson and James Burns.

CANNELL.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Stephen Thomas Cannell, who died March 3, 1905, aged 42 years. Deeply regretted. Inserted by his son and daughter.

CHITTEM.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Augustine Chittem, who departed this life March 3, 1901. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughters and sister, Julia, Fit, and Marie.

COLEMAN.—A tribute of love, in fond and affectionate remembrance of my darling wife, and our devoted mother, Lillian Coleman, who died at Tamworth, March 3, 1905.

Hold her, oh Father, in Thy arms,
And let her henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our human hearts and Thee.

Inserted by her sorrowing husband, Horace Coleman, and children Irene, Claude, and Erick.

COLEMAN.—In sad and loving memory of my dear daughter and our sister, Lily, who passed away March 3, 1905, aged 27 years. She is safe in her Father's house above, in the place prepared by her Saviour's love. Inserted by her mother and brothers, J. L., Gus, and Stanley May.

COLEMAN.—In sad but loving memory of my dear sister, Lily, who departed this life March 3, 1905. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Bert and Florrie May.

COLEMAN.—In loving memory of our darling sister, Lily, who died March 3, 1905, at Tamworth. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Ida E. and G. Malcolm Moore.

COLEMAN.—In loving memory of our dear niece and cousin, Lily Coleman, who passed away March 3, 1905, aged 27 years. Not lost, but gone before. Inserted by A. E., L., and G. Goulden.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHAPLIN.—In loving memory of our beloved daughter, Elizabeth Emily May, who died March 3, 1905. Interied by her loving parents, H. J. and M. Chaplin, Waterloo.

Just as the morning sun was shedding
On earth its beams of love,
Angels softly bore our darling
To her heavenly home above.

DAVIS.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William Davis, who departed this life February 26, 1898. Inserted by his loving wife, E. Davis.

IVES.—In sad but loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother Frederick Ives, accidentally drowned in the Alexandra waterholes, March 1, 1900. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, sisters, and brothers.

McGRATH.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Mary McGrath, who departed this life March 4, 1905, at her residence, 74 Quarry-street, Ultimo. R.I.P. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

OLIFF.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Eliza Oliff, who departed this life March 3rd, 1905. Inserted by Annie French. For ever with the Lord.

OLIFF.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Eliza Oliff, who died March 3, 1905. Eva Wallis.

REID.—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, Thomas Reid, who departed this life March 3, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife, B. Reid. R.I.P.

RILEY.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Will, who departed this life March 4, 1905, "Immaculate heart of Mary, your prayers for him exiol.

Sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul."

Inserted by his loving parents, brother, and sisters, Vincent, Tena, and Millie.

RISTAU.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our darling papa, Paul Ristau, who died at Cameron-street, Rockdale, March 4, 1905, aged 37. Inserted by loving wife and children. So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

RISTAU.—In loving memory of our dear brother-in-law, Paul Ristau, died at his residence, Exin, Cameron-street, Rockdale, on March 4, 1905. Inserted by W. and T. Heine.

SWINDLES.—In fond and loving memory of my dear wife, Florence Ann Freeman Swindles, who departed this life March 3, 1905, at Francis-street, Leichhardt. Sadly missed by her husband and only child.

SWINDLES.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dearly beloved daughter, Florence Ann Freeman Swindles, who died at Francis-street, Leichhardt, on March 3, 1905. Inserted by her loving father, W. R. Woodham.

SWINDLES.—In fond and loving memory of my dear daughter and our sister, Florence Swindles, who departed this life March 3, 1905. Inserted by her loving father, W. Woodham, also her loving brothers, Frank, William, Edmund, Robert, Harry, Reuben.

WALSH.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Mary Ann Walsh, who departed this life March 3, 1887, at her mother's residence, 16 Raglan-street, Alexandria. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving brother, William Walsh.

WALSH.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear niece, Mary Ann Walsh, who departed this life March 3, 1887, at her mother's residence, 16 Raglan-street, Alexandria. May the Lord have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her loving uncle, Patrick Hanley.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. GEORGE HUNT and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SLY and FAMILY, of Windsor-street, Richmond, New South Wales, desire to return their sincerest THANKS to the many kind friends for their numerous telegrams, letters, cards, and visits; also the beautiful floral tributes received in their recent and bereavement. They also sincerely thank the Rev. H. Fryer, of St. Peter's, Richmond, for his great kindness.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1906.

OUR RHODES SCHOLARS.

Under the terms of the Rhodes Scholarships, which provide that candidates must be elected at a date not later than the end of February, the holders have now been chosen in this and other States for the next three years. The choice has created a certain amount of discussion in our correspondence columns, and this awakening of interest in the subject is in itself a good thing, and in all ways to be encouraged. In another column to-day we are able to give an article by Mr. G. R. Parkin, which aims at explaining for popular information just what these Rhodes Scholarships are and mean, and the terms which have been arranged for their awarding. When Cecil Rhodes made this splendid and far-sighted provision in his will it was recognised that it, in a peculiarly striking measure, expressed the character of the man. He was one of the nineteenth century empire-builders, and the map of Africa as it will be known to future generations is his lasting memorial in that capacity. He left England as a young man to try his fortune in the overseas dominions, and choosing South Africa for the scene of his efforts he carved out a princely fortune for himself and new provinces for the Crown. He drew his inspiration from Oxford, and being a shrewd observer he saw what service he could render the Empire and the fine thing he could do for the colonies by bringing representative young men from each of them into early touch with his own Alma Mater and with the race-current at their source. His idea, as he explained it in the terms of his will, was to get hold every year of a group of young men of impressionable and teachable age of literary and scholastic sympathies, of manliness and physical stamina, and possessing something of the instinct of leadership and the faculty of influencing their fellows—and dip them in the well of Imperial patriotism. After this three years of baptism they were, in his view, to carry the results back with them to their countries of origin, and so become evangelists of the patriotic and racial spirit throughout Greater Britain.

It was a great concept—worthy of the man who aspired to paint South and East Africa red and join the Cape and Cairo by an iron rail. That there was nothing narrow in the scheme was shown by his inclusion of the American States, the object here being, we may presume, to do something towards establishing a better understanding and sympathy between the two great branches of English-speaking people. As Mr. Parkin reminds us, there are now 150 Rhodes scholars in residence in Oxford, and it will not be long before the full number—190—is made up. There are already twelve young Australians, and with those just elected that number will be increased to eighteen. This is a promising beginning, but a question now arises: Are we sending forward the right raw material for the Rhodes experiment? Are we making the selections in altogether the right way? Our correspondents, or some of them, seem to feel quite keenly that the results so far are not entirely satisfactory. No question is raised as regards the intellectual proficiency of our Rhodes scholars. That is sufficiently attested. But is this all that Cecil Rhodes had in view, or is it precisely what his executors have in view now? Of course there must be a certain standard of acquirement; otherwise the Oxford colleges would assuredly close their doors against the aspirant. But it is contended, with a considerable show of reason, that when Mr. Rhodes thought out and dictated this particular provision of his will he was thinking of something other than assisting mere students. He thought he was founding a sort of patriotic missionary order, much as the denominations found institutions for training labourers in the India and China mission fields. He laid down the qualifications—manliness, love of out-door sports, moral force of character, and, in short, an instinct of leadership. Clearly what he had in mind was a type of all-round man, not a sort of educated Babu. He wanted flesh-and-blood young men to work on, and not the kind of infant Bostonian in spectacles whom we sometimes see satirised in the American humorous weeklies. At least that is what our correspondents seem to argue—not with reference to any particular instance, but in regard to the Rhodes scheme as a whole.

Mr. Parkin explains that the Rhodes trustees have used a permitted margin of discretion in working out the intentions of the will, and at first, no doubt, something of this kind will be necessary. We may admit that it is possible to overdo the worship of athletics, especially in young countries like our own. Quite as much has been said in public discussions of late on this aspect of the general case as by the correspondents to whom we refer on their side of the question. But little room exists for doubt as to what Rhodes primarily intended, and in the case of our own States and their scholarship-holders the figure that fills the expectant mind's eye is that of a stalwart and typical young Australian, with a breezy suggestion of the open air and his country's generous sunshine about him, an empire-builder in the local, if not necessarily in the Imperial, sense, and capable of exerting an influence by-and-bye on the masses of his fellow-Australians rather than among a group of students. There is room for a little disappointment here, both to the Rhodes trustees and to ourselves, if this intention is not kept in view. The ideal Rhodes scholar is not difficult to sketch in outline, however difficult it may be to catch him in the flesh. For that reason, as well as for others which it is not necessary to name in connection with this phase of the general question, it is desirable that the field of choice within which our Rhodes scholars are selected should have as wide and liberal a range as possible. It will be seen that Mr. Parkin has something pertinent to say on this side of the subject also, while on the part of the public some local dissatisfaction has been expressed at the placing of all the power of selection in the hands of the University. It is held that this unduly limits the range of choice, and that it takes away what might be made an admirable incentive to effort from our secondary schools. To all such criticisms and suggestions Mr. Parkin gives answer that the regulations made are not fixed beyond the possibility of change, the trustees recognising that their first judgment should be confirmed by experience before it is considered final. It is a judicious reservation, and it should encourage the public to take more interest in these scholarships, and to make their wishes known. It has to be borne in mind that there is a double investment here. If Mr. Rhodes has given this Commonwealth an endowment of £1800 a year to be spent in training our picked youth at Oxford, we on our side are called upon to invest the flower of the promise of young Australia in the experiment. It is our business to see that we employ the kind of raw material best calculated to give us the most serviceable returns. Mr. Rhodes thought the Scholars would return to their own countries on completing their terms, but it seems that this is not likely to be the case in all instances. It does not follow that those Australians who stay behind are lost to us. They become our spokesmen wherever they may be, and they represent Australia with all the qualifications for that duty that Oxford can give them. What we have to do, therefore, is to co-operate in this aim by sending on the right stamp of young Australians.

POINTS OF VIEW.

Among the series of books assembled together and published without regard to any unity of character it seems remarkable that no place has been found for a collection of letters and recorded conversation. Such a series might be placed beside the work of those self-revealers who have the charm of sincerity, and the whole grouped together under the title of "A Palace of Truth." Pope's letters would be excluded, for they were written for publication, and subsequently revised; but among the rest we should find many gems of criticism whose authors would not be subject to the reproach that no Englishman expresses an opinion without regard to the affectations of popular taste, just as according to Heine no woman ever wrote a letter without one eye on the public and another on some man—except the Princess Hahn-Hahn, who had only one eye. It would be interesting to find out what the men of letters thought of the world of action; and we should have Byron's famous, "Society expects something better from a man than writing verses," which he justified when he died of fever and ague at Missolonghi. It would be still more interesting, since most of us belong to the great lay public of readers, to find out what the leaders of their generation have thought of the world of books. Some of them we should find look back on literature as a peaceful field which they have deserted, and to which they are longing but unable to return. Others, the men of undivided allegiance, regard books as auxiliaries whose end is to enable us to enjoy life and to endure it. There could be no better representatives of these classes than the two statesmen who were for a short time bitter opponents, and who each of them had such a keen admiration for strength of character in the other. For Mr. Gladstone there was no comparison between men of action and men of imagination. Scott, and not John Knox, he regarded as the greatest of his countrymen. Reading with him was not a relief from the cares of politics, but an habitual communion with the master spirits of mankind. Lord Randolph Churchill, as we should have guessed, had a quite different estimate. Literature was for him "the world's sweet inn from pain and wearisome turmoil;" but he faintly preferred the dust of battle to any house of rest. Books are not the subjects most often discussed in his life. The Bible, Jorrocks, and Blue books were, according to his son, the chief of his reading. But in one of his letters to his betrothed he summarises his views on the value and effect of different classes of books. Gibbon, he said, by the virtue and nobility of his style, and Horace, for his Epicurean views, were the authors he found most tranquillising when cross and angry. Miss Jerome, perhaps, was not supposed to need a cure for ill-temper, so the advice to her is more general. "I strongly recommend you to read some great works or histories. They pass the time, and prevent you from thinking about the future. Novels and travels are rather unsatisfactory; they do no good, and create a feeling of unhealthy excitement, which is bad for everyone." Here at least is advice given without deference to the established idols who overawed the compilers of lists of the hundred best books, and drove so many parents to purchase copies of the "Rigveda" to give their sons at Christmas.

Lord Randolph is, of course, not the first to give thanks to Horace for his soothing power. In this solitary particular he and Mr. Gladstone shared a common devotion. In history, too, the late Bishop Stubbs recognised similar useful qualities; for when a t

SOUTH AFRICA.

REBELS WANT THE FRANCHISE.

TO OUST PROGRESSIVES.

LONDON, March 2.

The Afrikander Bond of Cape Colony is asking for the restoration to the electors' register of 10,000 rebels before the expiration of their term of disfranchisement. By this means the Bond hopes in the next elections to oust the Progressives from power.

TRANSVAAL ELECTORATES.

COMPROMISE PROBABLE.

According to the "Standard" the Imperial Government, instead of a Royal Commission, will ask the House of Commons to appoint a select committee to collect information, and to settle the basis for the division of electorates in the Transvaal. There is no likelihood of a division on a population basis, but there may be some compromise on the division on a basis according to the number of electors.

A GERMAN VIEW.

The "National Zeitung" states that owing to the South African policy of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, the desire for self-government in the Transvaal has become a passion. It is felt that it is preferable for the Boers to have a say in their management than that the colony should go on under present conditions.

REPATRIATION OF COOLIES.

The "Standard" states that the Government has decided that Chinese coolies on the Rand wishing to be permanently repatriated are to give a quarter's notice. Their earnings during that period will be devoted to paying for their passages. It is believed that few will break their contracts.

THE NATAL RISING.

PRINCIPAL AGITATOR ARRESTED.

LONDON, March 2.

Colonel Mackenzie, who is operating in the Ixopo district, Southern Natal, has arrested the principal agitator against the poll tax. The man is an educated native.

A FREETRADE MOTION.

AMENDMENT BY LABOUR.

LONDON, March 2.

Sir J. Kitson (Liberal) has given notice that he will move in the House of Commons a resolution in favour of freetrade. To this resolution Mr. Philip Snowden (Labour), representing Blackburn, will move an amendment declaring that neither freetrade nor protection will enable the country to solve the great problem of poverty.

IRISH ELECTIONS.

LONDON, March 2.

Mr. Nolan (Nationalist) has been elected for North Leitrim to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. P. A. M'Hugh (Nationalist) deciding to sit for North Sligo, the other constituency to which he was elected.

Mr. Hazleton (Nationalist) has been elected to fill the vacancy in the representation of North Galway. Mr. Higgins, who obtained the majority of votes at the general election, died on the closing of the poll.

SYMPATHY FOR HUNGARY.

A EUROPEAN DEPUTATION.

LONDON, March 2.

With a view of enlisting sympathy for the Hungarians in their struggle with their King, the Emperor Francis Joseph, Count Apponyi will shortly visit France and Great Britain, where he will address meetings in order to explain the aims of the coalition. M. Kossuth proceeds to Italy on a similar mission.

CHINA'S WAYS.

THE REWARD OF CORRUPTION.

LONDON, March 2.

Yuan, formerly Taotai of Shanghai, a notoriously corrupt official, has been appointed Governor of Peking. Consuls at Shanghai and diplomats at Peking consider this man to be primarily responsible for the riots at Shanghai.

TRIPLE COMMERCIAL ALLIANCE.

EXPLOITING CHINA.

LONDON, March 2.

Mr. Uchida, the Japanese Consul-General at New York, speaking at a banquet, evoked cheers in proposing a triple commercial alliance—Great Britain, the United States of America, and Japan—to take the fullest advantage of the open door in China.

TROOPS FOR CHINA.

LONDON, March 2.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Globe" reports that the United States Government is prepared to despatch 25,000 troops to China at a day's notice in the event of an anti-foreign outbreak in the Empire.

THE HALIFAX DOCKYARDS.

LONDON, March 2.

Canada is taking over the Halifax dockyards, and will pay the Admiralty £2000 annually for five years.

VICTORIAN ACCOUNTANTS.

LONDON, March 2.

The Privy Council has advised the King not to confer a Royal Charter on the Institute of Victorian Accountants.

Negotiations in regard to the grant of a charter to the Incorporated Institute of Accountants of Victoria have been proceeding for some time. The petition to the King on the subject was presented in October, 1904. The matter was referred to the Victorian Cabinet for report, and a conference of delegates from each of the institutes and societies represented in Victoria, to discuss the whole question, was held in March last. Certain amendments were adopted, and, with the concurrence of all, an amended petition was forwarded to the Privy Council last June. The Institute of Accountants in Sydney presented a petition to the King praying that the charter be not granted.

MR. A. BEIT'S GIFT.

LONDON, March 2.

Mr. A. Beit, a Rand magnate, has presented his native town, Hamburg, with £100,000 for the purpose of establishing a University.

If you want to BORROW MONEY, go to N.S.W. Mont de Piete Co., Ltd. Capital, £100,000. 74 Castlereagh-street, 74. Eustace Bennett, general manager.—Advt.

THE NEW HEBRIDES.

TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

A LAND COURT.

LONDON, March 1.

The Paris "Figaro" states that the Anglo-French Commission has decided upon the establishment of a court of special jurisdiction, by which disputes relating to land in the New Hebrides will be dealt with. Great Britain and France will be equally represented in the Court, but the President will be a subject of a neutral nationality. In the event of any disagreement arising between the members the President will decide the matter.

It is also intended to establish municipalities in the New Hebrides.

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The agreement regarding the New Hebrides is subject to the approval of the British and French Governments.

DISTRACTED RUSSIA.

BLOODTHIRSTY DECREE.

TROOPS' HUMANITY PUNISHED.

LONDON, March 2.

The Czar has sanctioned the issue of an ordinance forbidding troops to fire in the air or to use blank cartridge in suppressing disturbances.

ROBBERS OF A STATE BANK.

Four youths who were concerned in the murder of the watchman and robbery of the State Bank at Helsingfors, Finland, fled to a wood, where they were arrested, after engaging in a long conflict with the police. One of the policemen was killed. The pockets of the robbers were full of gold. The robbers carried a bag, which was full of coin and bank-notes.

SMUGGLING ARMS.

Revolutionaries in Russia are daily smuggling large quantities of arms into Finland and Russia, via Sweden.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

IS IT DANGEROUS?

LONDON, March 2.

Sir Edward Grey, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was waited upon yesterday by a deputation of members of the International Arbitration Association and of the Peace Association, who described the Anglo-Japanese Treaty as a dangerous contract. Sir Edward Grey, in replying, declared that this view was based on the assumption that Japan intends to demand increased military or naval expenditure on the part of Great Britain. He added that there was no foundation for such a report.

PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION.

LONDON, March 2.

In the House of Lords last night the Earl of Halsbury moved the second reading of the Prevention of Corruption Bill. The motion was agreed to.

PARTY LEADERS PROGRESSING.

LONDON, March 2.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, Mr. A. J. Balfour, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who are ill, are progressing.

KING AND EMPEROR.

LONDON, March 2.

King Edward will shortly cruise in the Mediterranean, where he will meet the German Emperor.

COMMENTING ON A CASE.

LONDON, March 1.

The Court of Appeal in Lunacy has refused to hold the "Daily Mail" guilty of contempt in publishing medical reports asserting that the Marquis Townshend is sane and commenting on his case.

MARAUDING ARABS.

LONDON, March 2.

Arabs at Maughil attacked the repairing depot of the Euphrates and Tigris steamers. The marauders killed Mr. Glanville, an English engineer.

BARQUE HEBE DISMASTED.

LONDON, March 1.

The German four-masted barque Hebe, 2469 tons, while on a voyage from Hamburg to Newcastle and Melbourne, was, when in the Bay of Biscay, struck by a terrific squall and dismasted. The barque has been towed to Plymouth.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

KIAO-CHAU FORTIFICATIONS.

LONDON, March 1.

The Germans are heavily fortifying Kiaochau, on the east coast of Shantung.

GENERAL BOOTH'S EMIGRANTS.

The steamer Kensington will convey to Canada 1400 emigrants, who are being sent thither by General Booth. Sixty-five per cent. of the emigrants are agriculturists and 15 per cent. mechanics.

SAVED BY A SPANIEL.

A spaniel saved the lives of six persons at East Ham, a suburb of London, by raising an alarm at night when there was an escape of gas, which arose from the fusing of the electric street cable.

CHRISTCHURCH EXHIBITION.

Mr. W. P. Reeves, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, addressed yesterday a meeting of manufacturers and shippers for the promotion of the Christchurch Exhibition. The speakers in the subsequent discussion showed that they had been favourably impressed. They emphasised New Zealand's decided preference for British goods.

WOMEN DOCTORS.

SCOPE OF THEIR DUTIES.

A HOSPITAL REGULATION.

The Royal Prince Alfred Hospital has taken a preparatory step which indicates that the admission of qualified ladies as resident doctors is still contemplated by the authorities of that institution.

A special meeting of the board of directors took place yesterday, when the whole question of the appointment of a woman resident medical officer was considered.

The committee drew up a regulation prescribing the duties of such officers in the event of their appointment. The regulation has the effect of exempting women doctors from attendance on adult male patients in certain cases.

A communication upon this subject will be made to the conjoint board, which prior to the existence of the regulation—and possibly on account partly of an objection which this regulation will remove—cancelled the appointment of Miss Aspinall as a resident medical officer.

SILVER.

LONDON, March 2.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 6d per ounce standard, a fall of 1-16 since yesterday.

THE NAVY PROGRAMME.

FOUR MORE DREADNOUGHTS.

LONDON, March 1.

In the Navy estimates laid on the table of the House of Commons on Wednesday night the personnel is maintained at 129,000.

The four new battleships will probably be of the same type as H.M.S. Dreadnought, 18,500 tons, recently launched.

All the Cunard liners are retained by the Admiralty for service in time of war.

All the other subsidies hitherto paid to armed merchantment have been stopped, thus effecting a saving of £121,380.

Some criticism was offered by members because no new cruisers are proposed in the new building programme.

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Mr. E. Robertson, the Secretary to the Admiralty, in presenting the naval estimates to the House of Commons last night, said that he had adopted the plans of his predecessor, Earl Cawdor, without prejudice. He promised to give Earl Cawdor's memorandum a fair trial.

An amendment to the estimates on behalf of the Labour party regarding trade union rates of wages in dockyards was withdrawn on the assurance being given that the Government accepted the principle of union rates, though it must consider differences between dockyard and outside work.

The votes for personnel and wages were agreed to.

The new principles embodied in the monster battleship Dreadnought make her apparently a ship invincible, capable at one discharge from her guns of throwing with unparalleled force twice as much metal as any foreign man-of-war now afloat, and three times as much as most, while her mail coat of armour will render her immune against any attack by an enemy's guns and torpedoes. She can discharge every minute 10 projectiles weighing 850lb, with sufficient velocity to send them about 25 miles or to penetrate about 16in of the hardest armour at a distance of two miles. In the words of Colonel Cuniberti, the chief constructor to the Italian navy: "Such a ship could without throwing away a single shot, without wasting ammunition, secure in her exuberant protection, with her 12 guns ready, softly descend on her adversary, and pour in a terrible converging fire at her belt. Having disposed of her first antagonist, she would at once proceed to another, and almost untouched despatch yet another, not throwing away a single round of ammunition, but utilising all for sure and deadly shots."

The Fawdor programme proposed a reduction of expenditure in the estimates by £1,520,000. An output of four large armoured ships annually was stated to be necessary, but unless unforeseen contingencies occurred this rate was not to be exceeded. the board proposed to lay down a programme for one year only, so that if necessary there would be no dislocation by increasing the construction in any one year. Further recommendations were made with regard to the training of seamen and the education of officers.

AN ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE.

SHOCK OF EARTHQUAKE AT SEA.

DISSATISFACTION IN THE SOLOMONS.

BRISBANE, Friday.

The steamer Norkoowa, from New Guinea, arrived at Brisbane this morning. The steamer has had an adventurous voyage. At Gavutu the third engineer, Mr. Parson, was drowned. Mr. G. Watson, the chief engineer, is in a precarious condition, suffering from the effects of sunstroke and malarial fever. Several firemen, trimmers, and passengers are suffering from malarial fever, which is stated to be very bad at the islands this season, owing to the severe dry weather experienced.

The passengers for Sydney are:—Captain H. Burrell, Messrs. W. H. Pope, J. Willberg, H. Pittman, and J. E. Smith.

A passenger on the Norkoowa states that he left Sydney in the schooner Eugene for the Solomons on January 22. When off Marua Sound a most peculiar thing happened. The schooner was proceeding at a fair rate, when a noise and sensation similar to a wound striking the ground was experienced. Soundings made showed a great depth of water, consequently it was impossible for the vessel to have touched land.

On arrival at Aola (Solomons) the residents informed the Eugene that an earthquake shock had occurred on the island, lasting 30 or 40 seconds. It was the effect of the disturbance which was felt at sea by the Eugene. No damage was done either at Aola or Gavutu.

While the Norkoowa was at Gavutu a severe storm arose, which increased in violence as night approached. Some of the crew, including Mr. Parsons, were on shore, and during their absence the force of the wind caused some of the piles and some of the lines holding the vessel to the wharf to break away, and the Norkoowa drifted some feet from the wharf. Some of the crew got aboard safely, but it is surmised that Mr. Parsons, in the darkness, walked over the edge of the wharf into the water. Several aboard heard a splash, and raised the cry of "man overboard." The wind was blowing with terrific force. Everything possible was done, but without success. The Norkoowa left next day for Gazo. After her departure the body was recovered, and at the instigation of Captain Svensson, agent for Lever Brothers, it was buried. Mr. Parsons was about 22, a native of Melbourne, and only joined the vessel a few months previous to his death.

While voyaging from Mega to Samaral malarial fever broke out, and on arrival at Samaral the doctor found the captain, second purser, second cook, and several sailors suffering from fever. While at Port Moresby the chief engineer was seized with sunstroke. Throughout the remainder of the voyage the crew and passengers suffered from the effects of fever. In the engineers' department several men at one time were incapacitated, and sailors had to go below to act as trimmers and stokers.

A passenger from the Solomon Islands aboard the Norkoowa states that leprosy and other skin diseases, contracted by the natives who had been working in Fiji, were spreading among the islands of the Western Pacific. There appeared to be no rule in Fiji to isolate people affected, consequently disease spreads.

As to the state of affairs in the Solomon Islands, the passengers said they were very unsatisfactory. Certain people, it is said, who purchased land some years ago, were now unable to secure the title deeds of the property. It was even reported that one man who purchased certain property 18 years ago was refused permission to visit the island on which it is situated. The white people in the group urge the handing over of the administration to the Commonwealth.

MR. EWING AT LISMORE.

DEFENCE OF FEDERATION.

LISMORE, Friday.

At the show banquet held on Wednesday evening Mr. Ewing, Acting Postmaster-General, responding to the toast of "Parliament," said that regarding federation, people here accepted it without hesitation. They knew at the same time that taxation must be uniform, and that they would be governed by Australian people. They felt that if Australia was ever to become anything it was by unity. They were striving after nationality, and not after material benefit. People who said they were no better off under federation were talking nonsense. The truth was that Australia was never in a better position to-day for white men. One man told him he was making £600 a year by secret commission on the sale of produce, but what with federation and the Deakin Government an honest man could not get a chance. (Laughter.) Another man, a butter brandfaker, who had been exporting cocoanut oil and other stuff branded "Best Australian butter," had the same wail, but the legislation of the Deakin Government was such that no honest man need be afraid of it. He quoted figures showing the great increase of trade and products in Australia, and asked how in face of these figures could anyone say federation had done no good—unless he were a gentleman named Staggs. He then referred to the report given by Staggs before emigrating to Chili. Mr. Ewing said in 20 years that individual had accumulated landed property, etc., worth £20,000. The facts had been exaggerated, and cabled over the world as an exodus of farmers. He strongly deprecated these libels on Australia.

HOW RUMOURS MATERIALISE.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGENT-GENERAL.

PERTH, Friday.

The Premier, Mr. Rason, now admits that Mr. Walter James will resign the position of Agent-General towards the end of the present year, and return to Western Australia.

He still denies, however, that any serious difference exists between Mr. James and the present Government.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

THURSDAY ISLAND DEFENCES.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The Minister for Defence proposes to visit New South Wales and Queensland shortly. He may also go to Thursday Island, when the old question of the fortification of Goods Island will probably occupy his attention.

A WIRELESS TORPEDO.

Numerous offers and applications are received by the Defence Department from persons with warlike inventions. The Minister has recently received a letter from a representative of a syndicate of American capitalists, submitting for consideration the patent rights of a dirigible torpedo, controlled by a wireless telegraph apparatus, and worked from the shore.

TOLL TELEPHONES.

Much criticism has arisen in regard to the new toll telephone system adopted by the Postal Department. It is explained by the secretary that the rates have been fixed on a basis which will equalise payment by subscribers. It is contended that a big establishment which has the unlimited use of a line for a fixed amount has more than a due return for the amount paid, while to the small user it is a dear service. The operations will of course be closely watched, and should it be found that the service can be given cheaper then rates will in time be reduced The department keeps well in view the point that the new installation, with its metallic circuit and common battery board, which will be obtained under the toll system, will be infinitely superior to the present one.

PERSONAL.

Captain T. L. Mullins, A.F.A., has been appointed A.D.C. to Brigadier-General Gordon.

Lieutenant Alan Cameron, R.N.R., who was recently appointed to a position in the Commonwealth naval forces, leaves for Melbourne to-day by the Freidrich der Grosse.

Mr. Robert Lee, for many years well known in the softgoods trade in Melbourne, and for the past three years with Messrs. Sargood, Butler, Nichol, and Ewen, of York-street, has resigned his position to take up an important engagement with Robert Reid and Co., Limited, of this city.

Mr. H. L. Jones, the American Vice-Consul at Sydney, will leave on a trip to Europe by the German mail steamer Friedrich der Grosse which sails to-day. He will be accompanied by his family.

The University of Dublin has appointed as its representative at the jubilee of the Melbourne University, Mr. Irvine, M.L.A., ex-Premier of Victoria, and Dr. Leeper, Warden of Trinity College.

Mr. Reuben Simpson Sims, of Millie, near Moree, whose evidence (arising out of the famous case of Sims v Browne) formed the beginning of the Lands Commission nearly a year ago, was present at the sitting of the Commission yesterday.

The following candidates have passed the intermediate law examination for solicitors:—H. S. Palmer, R. G. I. Dent, T. P. Bowden, H. M. Barker, G. A. Usher, and E. E. Jennings.

Mr. James Chalmers, late manager of the Civil Service Co-operative Society, was the recipient of several presentations on the eve of his leaving the society to take up a position with Messrs. Farmer and Co., Ltd. Mr. W. R. Beaver, chairman of directors, presented an illuminated address and group photograph of the directors and officers of the society, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Chalmers' ability and management. On behalf of the employees, Mr. Chalmers was presented with an illuminated address, accompanied by a royal Doulton rouge flambe coffee set, mounted in sterling silver, together with a flower epergne for Mrs. Chalmers. The carters of the society presented an illuminated address and an emu egg handsomely carved and mounted in sterling silver.

Mr. T. A. Herlihy, for many years headmaster of the Kegworth Superior Public School, and lately in temporary charge of Annandale Superior Public School, has been appointed to the Glebe Superior Public School. From a pupil of Fort-street school he has passed through all stages of his profession, up to the position he now occupies. In his final examination, the marks awarded him for mathematics were far in advance of those now required for honours. He raised the Kegworth school from a third-class to that of a first-class superior. In one season the school secured 96 medals, won in open competitions at various sports' gatherings. The pupils were also successful in all examinations for which they were eligible, and in not a few, occupied the place of distinction.

A pleasing function took place in the boardroom of the "Freeman's Journal" office yesterday afternoon, when Mr. R. Rawnsley Moss, chief accountant, who is severing his connection with the firm after a service of nine years, was presented with an inkstand, an umbrella, and a smoker's companion, all silver-mounted, and inscribed. The presentation was made on behalf of the staff by Mr. H. C. Hoyle, who spoke of the esteem and regard in which Mr. Moss was held, and wished him success in his new sphere.

EXTRAORDINARY SHOOTING AFFAIR.

FATHER WOUNDED, SON CLUBBED.

NO TRACE OF ASSAILANT.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Further news of the shooting of the dairyman Percy G. Waller, near Gympie, shows that the person who awoke him spoke in muffled tones, evidently trying to disguise his voice. Waller, unsuspecting, obtained the ropes and chains and accompanied his son to the creek, the stranger walking some distance ahead. The assailant was about 40 yards ahead, when the first shot was fired, hitting Waller in the left thigh; but it did not bring him to the ground immediately. After the second shot hit Waller in the right thigh, he attempted to struggle towards home with the assistance of his son. He had not gone far when the son was suddenly struck on the back of the head with a clubbed rifle. The assailant disappeared. Father and son managed to reach home. The rifle was found this morning broken in two. The weapon was stolen from an outhouse (not the son's bedroom), where the son left it with two cartridges in. Both bullets are apparently embedded in the bones of the thighs, though the missiles are not yet located. The police at midnight had not returned from the scene.

[The above appeared in a portion of yesterday's issue.]

Friday.

There are no fresh developments of the Gympie outrage. The police are very reticent. Waller's condition is unchanged. An attempt to locate the bullets to-day failed.

SYDNEY THOUSAND CARNIVAL.

MONDAY NIGHT'S PROGRAMME.

The programme for the opening night of the Sydney Thousand Carnival, Monday, includes five heats of the great race, while the remaining five are to be contested on Wednesday. Chief interest will centre in these events, and it is expected that the heats will, in consequence of the splendid entry and the excellent quality of the field engaged, produce better handicap racing than has ever been witnessed in Sydney. There will, in addition, be a half-mile open handicap, run straight out, in which all the tracks will be engaged, and one of the ever-popular Australian five miles scratch races. It has been arranged that the last race will finish by 10 o'clock, so that the public will be able to get their boats, trams, and trains in comfort. Bright music with choral effects will be given by Devlin's Band, and the grounds and stands will, as usual, be brilliantly illuminated. During the running of the Sydney Thousand heats all lights but those on the track will be extinguished.

Sandberg, the winner of the Austral Wheel Race, yesterday officially scratched for the Sydney Thousand, announcing to the secretary of the league that he is definitely retiring from cycle racing.

PREMIER AT NEWCASTLE

RECEPTION AT WICKHAM.

OPENING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The Premier, Mr. J. H. Carruthers, accompanied by Mr. G. H. Knibbs (Director of Technical Education), Mr. J. W. Turner (Assistant Under-Secretary), Mr. J. S. Wigram (Chief Architect for Schools), Messrs. J. L. Fegan, J. Nobbs, and W. T. Dick, M.s.L.A., arrived at Newcastle to-day by the mid-day train. The Mayor of Newcastle (Alderman James) and the Mayor of Wickham (Alderman R. J. Bond) gave the Premier an unofficial welcome.

After lunch at the Great Northern Hotel, the party drove to the Wickham Council Chambers, where a formal welcome was extended to the Premier by the Mayor and aldermen of the municipality. The party then proceeded to the new school at Wickham, in Hannell-street, where the school children gave a picturesque display of physical drill, accompanied by band music. Before the official opening of the school, the Premier and other official visitors were conducted through the building by Mr. J. S. Wigram and Mr. W. Beavis, Chief Inspector. The formal opening of the building was made before a huge gathering of residents.

The Mayor of Wickham (Alderman R. J. Bond) briefly introduced the Premier, and handed him a gold key, inscribed on one side with his name, and on the other with "Opening of Wickham School."

Mr. Carruthers then addressed the gathering. He said he had much pleasure in opening the school, especially as he owed so much personally to his education in public schools. He was himself a product of the public school, and they in the State could not forget the splendid training obtained by the system. Our educational commissioners had been sent all over the world to see the various systems of education, and to make recommendations which would bring our educational standards fully up to modern ideas. At the same time, they must not forget the splendid results obtained by the old schools. One name he would desire to remind them of—the immortal Sir Henry Parkes (cheers)—the statesman who worked so enthusiastically for public education. He was told by Mr. Nobbs that there was to be a public meeting in Sydney for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of Sir Henry Parkes, to take the form of a statue. That fine man deserved it.

Mr. W. T. Dick, M.L.A., said he received his first appointment as a pupil teacher in the Wickham school. He maintained that the pupil teacher was a most important unit in the community. He made some advisory remarks to the children and to the parents.

Mr. J. W. Turner said that this structure was complete from an architectural point of view, and replete with modern furniture. It compared favourably with many of the best schools in the world. He thanked Mr. Fegan and Mr. Wigram for the splendid building.

Mr. Knibbs said he looked upon this building as the most material mark of progress that had yet been made by the Department of Education.

Mr. Carruthers then unlocked the main door, and declared the building open.

Mr. Fegan moved a vote of thanks to the Premier for attending the function. Mr. James seconded the resolution.

BANQUET AT WICKHAM.

SPEECH BY MR. CARRUTHERS.

A TILT AT THE PRESS.

CROWN LANDS SETTLEMENT.

THE FINANCES.

£750,000 TO THE GOOD.

The Premier was entertained this evening at a banquet in the Wickham School of Arts, Mr. R. J. Bond, Mayor of Wickham, presiding.

After the usual loyal toasts wer honoured Mr. R. J. Bond proposed the toast of "The Ministry."

The Premier, on rising to respond, was greeted with cheers. In his opening remarks he said that the Government in its work owed very little to the press for its assistance. The press had always taken a grandmotherly interest in the Government, whether the Government deserved it or not. "We had every morning at breakfast," he said, "leading articles finding fault with us and our doings. (Laughter.) After all, the majority of the people will see the extreme difficulties which the Government has had to face, and no Minister has had a more arduous task than Mr. Ashton. Mr. Ashton was blamed for not finding Crown lands for the people. Since the passing of Sir John Robertson's Act 40 years ago there has been much clamour for Crown lands to be thrown open for selection. After this was done, and all conditions fulfilled, what do you see? Numberless deserted homesteads. You could go anywhere and you could not find more deserted homes than in N.S.W., because the policy of land legislation has led to speculation and not to bona-fide settlement. The majority of the people who have taken up land in this State have fulfilled the conditions with as much reluctance as a man doing a term of imprisonment." Records of the Department, Mr. Carruthers continued, showed that when the necessary conditions had been fulfilled land was transferred. Mr. Ashton had stated that the amount of Crown lands still available was small, but he was determined that the balance available would not be scrambled for speculation instead of for settlement, as in the past. What the Government was going to do was that before the land in the North Coast and other districts was drawn upon, roads and means of access would be opened up, and the land divided into small areas. He ventured to say that during the next six months there would be more bona-fide settlers, especially in the North Coast, established on alienated land than during the past five years.

Ever since the Government had been in office it had been cleaning out the political stable. Royal commissions had to be appointed to inquire into matters with which the present Government had no concern, but which were rendered necessary in the public interest. Transactions there were disclosed which had to a great extent disturbed the administration of the departments concerned, for while these matters were under consideration nothing could be done. Without going into the merits of an inquiry now proceeding, he had to go without important advice to which he was entitled for eighteen months.

STATE OF THE FINANCES.

When he entered office it was impossible to borrow money except at usurious rates of interest. Public works had to be stopped in consequence, and there was a deficit of £524,000. Meanwhile the people were crying out for employment. Nothing could be done, however, to help them; but eighteen months of firm administration had changed the aspect of affairs. The financial outlook had undergone a complete metamorphosis. Drought and depression had now given place to plenty and prosperity. The last New South Wales loan had been floated in London at almost par, following the advice of financial advisers in London, and despite advice to the contrary in Sydney. About the same time Mr. Peat, in Victoria, was jubilating on the fact that his loan was floated at 97½. The night before he (the Premier) left town he had figures prepared showing the present state of finances, and he was confident that at the end of the financial year he would be able to show the best balance-sheet ever placed before the taxpayers. For the first eight months of the financial year there had been an increase in revenue of £677,000. There had been a decrease in expenditure of £73,000, making a total sum of £750,000 to the good. The sum of £917,000 had been spent out of ordinary revenue on works, and there was still a large surplus available without borrowing. There had been substantial decreases in the expenditure of many departments during the first eight months. For instance, a saving of £1500 had been effected in the executive and legislature, £7000 in the Colonial Secretary's Department, and £43,000 in the Treasury—a great decrease—also a decrease of £17,000 in the Attorney-General's Department, £2900 in the Lands Department, £10,000 in the Mines and Agriculture, and £100,000 in special appropriations, as against the corresponding period last year. On the other side there was an increase in expenditure of £10,000 in railways, £87,000 in the Public Works Department, and £10,000 in public instruction. The latter item showed that the Government was keeping pace with the requirements of the rising generation in regard to education.

INCREASED PRODUCTION.

There were 200,000 people on the land in the State, and these developed our enormous industries, dairying, agriculture, pastoral, timber, and mining. The amount of production per head of these workers was £175. Was it not better to teach our children to go on the land than stay in cities? Our prosperity as producers would depend on our ability to build men who would expand production. We must not forget that there had been a rise in the price of almost every commodity except coal. He had just heard from the Commercial Agent in the East, Mr. Sutton, who was a splendid worker for the State, that the Mikado of Japan had recognised his (Mr. Sutton's) worth. The Japanese Government had spent £500,000 with the State in the purchase of horses for their use, and regular trade was now being worked up with Australia. He (Mr. Carruthers) could say that very large orders for hardwood for shipment to Eastern ports would be placed in Australia. This was in connection with enormous railway construction in the East. The American Government was about to increase largely their military forces in the Philippines for the purpose of keeping an eye on affairs in China. The fact that this State largely provisioned the army in the Philippines with meat meant a more extensive trade in the near future. These were factors which would have an important influence on the prosperity of New South Wales, and everything at present pointed to a large development of our production.

OTHER SPEECHES.

Mr. Dick also responded to the toast of the Ministry.

The toasts of "The Parliament" and "Municipalities" were also honoured.

THE DOCK QUESTION.

CONSIDERATION NEXT SESSION.

At Wickham School of Arts this afternoon a deputation, representing the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, the Miners' Federation, the Trades and Labour Council, city and district municipalities, and various industrial interests, waited upon the Premier for the purpose of urging the Government to carry out a long standing scheme for the construction of a graving dock in the port. Mr. J. L. Fegan introduced the deputation, and asked the Premier to favourably consider what he considered their just claims in regard to this proposal. Mr. James, Mayor of Newcastle, added that the necessity for this dock was imperative. Mr. W. T. Dick, M.L.A., and other members of the deputation also spoke in support of the proposal.

Mr. Carruthers said that they were aware that the cause which prevented the late Government going on with the work was the difficulty of finance. The late Government made many proposals for public works, which were referred to the Public Works Committee, and approved of, but which had not yet gone through the necessary stage in Parliament to enable the works to be carried out. The question of providing a dock was one of these. The finances were then depressed, but now that this was changed this Government recognised that the port of Newcastle was important enough to demand a dock. It was a necessary equipment of the port, and if private enterprise would not undertake it the Government must. It was only a question of time. The Public Works inquiry would therefore be continued, and the matter would be dealt with next session.

ARBITRATION.

CAN UNIONISTS RESIGN?

RESTORATION OF CASES TO THE LIST.

REMARKS BY JUDGE HEYDON.

When the case of the Operative Bakers' Association (claimant) and the Suburban Master Bakers' Association (respondent) was before the Arbitration Court yesterday, the secretary of the Operatives' Association, in withdrawing the claim, asked his Honor Judge Heydon for a decision as to whether members of the Operative Bakers' Union could resign, as some of them seemed tired of the whole proceedings, and the association was in a difficulty to know whether it could accept the resignation of its members or not.

His Honor said he thought they could resign now that their claim against the masters bakers was at an end. But he added that it was only his opinion without looking into the matter. He did not give it as the opinion of the Court. All the Court had to do was to settle matters which were properly brought before its members for decision. His advice and opinion on the question asked must therefore be taken for what it was worth, but his opinion was that once there was no dispute before the Court members could resign.

The secretary said the reason he asked the question was because unions perplexed over the decision of the High Court were in a difficulty to know what to do with resignations that were tendered.

His Honor, looking up the Act, said he thought the view he had already expressed was a correct one, but if the matter was properly brought before the Court then it could be considered, and perhaps a different decision arrived at.

The section of the Act which deals with this matter is No. 9, which reads as follows:—"During the pendency of any reference to the Court no application for the cancellation of the registration of an industrial union shall be made or received, and no resignation or discharge of membership of any industrial union or of any company, association, trade union, or branch constituting an industrial union shall have effect."

HOW THE RULES OF A UNION APPLY.

While the Act itself takes up more of a negative position in the matter of resignations, yet the schedule of the Act makes it compulsory for all trades unions or branches to have a rule to the effect that members, before resigning, must give three months' notice and pay up all arrears of subscriptions. This places the question of the resignation of a member in a different position, and raises the point that even admitting there was no dispute or claim pending by or against the union at the time when the resignation of a member was received, but that one arose before the three months' notice of resignation had expired, could the union then accept the resignation? In other words, is the question of a union being clear of disputes, etc., calculated from the day a member resigns or upon the date the resignation is accepted? Upon this point opinions differ. Officials of the Court claim that there has been no definite decision on the matter, and that it is a question of opinion only. The Act does not make it compulsory for employers' associations registered as industrial unions to have in their rules one compelling members to give three months' notice and pay up. Those associations which have not such a rule can disband, or individual members can resign at once, providing there is no case pending before the Court. In view of the recent decision of the High Court, and the withdrawal of the claims against employers' associations by trades unions, some of the masters are considering the question of disbanding and allowing the men's unions to fight individual employers, and not associated bodies. Already this week the Caterers and Restaurant Keepers' Association met and agreed to disband, and apply for cancellation of their registration under the Industrial Arbitration Act. Mr. Hart (president) and Mr. Bailliew (secretary) were entrusted with the work of having the cancellation completed. The president, in putting the resolution to the meeting, explained that the unions were under the impression that owing money to their union was a bar to their resignation being accepted, but he pointed out that such was not the case, for as soon as they sent in their resignation they ceased to be a member at the expiration of three months, and were liable for dues to that date only, but they were not liable for any expenses or action taken by the union after the resignation was in the hands of the association, providing, of course, no case was pending at the time they sent in their resignation.

The matter will in all probability come before the Arbitration Court for a definite opinion next week, when a number of cases will be mentioned specially, and new rules will be on the list of matters for hearing.

RESTORATION OF CASES TO THE LIST.

At the Arbitration Court yesterday the President, Judge Heydon, remarked that since the judgment of the High Court the Arbitration Court had pretty well been through the list of cases set down for hearing, and a large percentage of them had been withdrawn by the claimant unions interested. However, he thought it only right to the parties in the cases withdrawn to say that the best way of settling differences was by conference, and he hoped that course would be followed wherever possible; but if there were any matters which it was felt should come before the Court, and which had already been on the list, the Court would restore those cases to the same place on the list as before, or as near the same place as possible, and not put them down at the bottom of the list. The Court was aware that some of the claims had been standing for nearly two years, and it would be a hardship to the men to allow other matters to come in front of them. But there must, of course, be grounds for action.

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND FLOODS.

BRISBANE, Friday.

The mailman from Winton, who arrived at Longreach to-day, reports very heavy rain this week. Since the new year there has been from 14in to 18in right through between Longreach and Winton. The creeks are flooded. Miles of fencing have been washed down. East Darr River was crossable yesterday, the first time for a long time. The West Darr is still in high flood. The rainfall this year in the Barcaldine district totals 11in. Reports from outside show great destruction of fencing. A few dams were broken, and plenty of work is provided for a considerable period.

MR. LEE AT WEST MAITLAND.

HUNTER RIVER FLOOD MITIGATION.

THE NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION.

TO BE A VITAL QUESTION.

WEST MAITLAND, Friday.

Mr. Lee, the Minister for Works, paid his first official visit to Maitland district to-day. The visit was brought about by a promise made to Mr. Gillies some months ago, after a deputation had waited on the Minister in Sydney to urge that a scheme of flood mitigation should be carried out. The Minister, being desirous of seeing the district for himself, and studying a report on the subject, made by his direction by Mr. Wade, principal engineer for harbours and rivers, arrived by the Brisbane mail train last evening. He was met and formally welcomed at the railway station by Messrs. Gillies and Bennett, Ms.L.A., the Mayor of West Maitland, Alderman W. J. Enright, members of the borough council, and a number of leading citizens.

The Minister attended at the Town Hall this morning, where he received a deputation. Mr. Gillies said that the first matter, which was of great importance to the district and to the whole State, was the carrying out of the North Coast railway. The Government had so far done all that lay in their power towards bringing the matter to a successful issue, but at present it seemed to be at a standstill. He felt sure, however, that Mr. Lee was determined to see the matter through before the Legislative Assembly at the earliest possible date, with a view to having the work carried out. The next matter was the carrying out of the proposed tramway from East Maitland to the South Maitland coalfields. He need not tell them that after due investigation the Public Works Committee arrived at the conclusion that it would be in the interest, not only of the district, but the State, that the line should be constructed. For a long time past people residing at the mines had been put to considerable inconvenience. He trusted the tramway would be one of the first public works the Government would place before Parliament. The next matter which they desired to direct attention to was the Bland channel of the river. By reason of the action in the interests of the district of the Lyne Ministry, a channel was cut which shortened the course of the river some three or four miles, and saved from inundation the lower part of the town. By reason of that cutting the old channel became silted up, and they asked that in the interests of the district the Government would provide means whereby the tide could flow up Fishery and Wallis creeks in order to purify the water in the creeks, and conserve the health of the people; also help struggling farmers in times of drought by supplying them with water for stock. He claimed that it was a national work, and asked Mr. Lee to give some measure of relief, which would be of considerable benefit to the whole district. The next matter was in regard

almost unanimously expressed that the main purposes in the mind of Mr. Rhodes would be defeated should it be decided to send the boy just out of school instead of a student somewhat more mature. Mr. Rhodes wished that his scholars should be selected on certain well-defined grounds of mental and physical, as well as intellectual superiority; that they should give promise of leadership in their own countries in later life; and finally he especially desired that their English university life should not withdraw his scholars or their sympathies from the land of their adoption or birth.

At about 20 conferences held in Canada and the United States I obtained the opinions of most of the leading educational men of those countries. After long and deliberate discussion it was in every case but one decided to advise that for both these countries two years' attendance at a home college or university should be one condition of eligibility for the scholarships. Let me summarise the reasons on which this decision was based. It was pointed out that:—

(a) Under the system of education prevailing in the United States and Canada there is not, in the great majority of secondary schools (mostly for day pupils), the same opportunity of recognising at as early an age as in English public schools the qualities mentioned by Mr. Rhodes as a basis of selection.

(b) That the college or university of those countries does give these opportunities in a very conspicuous way.

(c) That a man who aspires to leadership in his own country would be severely handicapped should he not acquire entirely all knowledge of its college life and the benefit of its college associations.

(d) That parents would rightly hesitate to send their young and untried boys many thousands of miles from their home base for a series of years.

(e) That under these circumstances of removal from home influence for a long period, a somewhat older man than the average Oxford matriculant would be more likely to get advantage from the serious influence of the place, and resist temptations to idleness.

(f) That the inevitable result of sending young fellows so far away from home at school age would be a loss of sympathy with and understanding of their own country, very damaging to their future chances of influence and success, and therefore destructive of the main purposes which Mr. Rhodes had in view.

In addition to these weighty reasons, it was pointed out that it would be impracticable, at least in the more populous States of the union and provinces of the Dominion, where there are scores or even hundreds of schools entitled to enter the competition, to devise any plan by which a scholar could be selected from any particular school on the lines suggested by Mr. Rhodes, with due regard to the rights of others.

Turning from the continent of America to South Africa, it was found that opinion there inclines in the same direction. Three out of the four schools to which scholarships were assigned in Cape Colony have formally asked and obtained leave to retain the elected scholars for at least two years of university work before proceeding to Oxford. This leave was asked by the teachers, partly on the ground that lads just completing a school course such as they could get in South Africa were not fitted to enter Oxford on equal terms with students from the best English schools, and partly because parents were unwilling to send their children so far from home at an early age. The Superintendent of Education at the Cape stated in public his opinion that if awarded directly from the schools, the scholarships would do South African education more harm than good, since the boy who won it under these conditions would, in the first instance, be inflated with an exaggerated idea of his own merits. But in gaining one of the largest scholarships in the world, and then at Oxford lose his self-respect by finding himself entirely overweighted in the competition with better trained men.

In New Zealand, which I next visited, opinion was overwhelmingly in favour of appointing from the University colleges, but a very strong protest was made by one of the few schools which give full classical preparation for the Oxford course, and in view of this, candidates were made eligible from the date of matriculation, that is, on leaving school. In practice, scholars have been appointed with university standing. It was with this accumulation of advice from other countries that I approached the discussion of the question with educational men in Australia.

In some of the States differences of opinion were more acute than elsewhere. In New South Wales a minority of the large conference assembled strongly advocated appointment from the secondary schools; the same view was taken by a smaller minority in Victoria and South Australia. In all these cases, however, a large majority decided to recommend the election of men with some University experience. This was asked for also by Tasmania. Queensland and Western Australia, having no University, appoint from the secondary schools; but Queensland holds itself free to arrange for the election of men who have studied at the Universities of other States. This example may be followed in Western Australia.

The decisions of the trustees have been made with a view to meet these differences of opinion, but so as to leave the ultimate choice of the scholars in the hands of committees of selection. These committees have been selected with care, and in all cases include the Governor and Chief Justice of a State and representative educational men. There is nothing in the regulations for New South Wales, Victoria, or Australia to prevent the committee from selecting a lad fresh from the secondary schools, if the committee see fit to do this. But in all cases where the candidate is without the University standing, which excuses from the preliminary examination at Oxford, the trustees are empowered to shall pass the responsions examination of the University, to make sure that he will not be rejected when he reaches Oxford. This examination has from the first been exacted throughout the United States and Canada, in Bermuda, Jamaica, and Newfoundland. The exception hitherto made in the case of Queensland, Western Australia, and the colonies of South Africa will cease after 1906. The decision to make the preliminary test general has been caused by the fact that several scholars have been elected chiefly from South Africa, and have found great difficulty in passing the first public examination of the University. This lowers the prestige of the scholarships at Oxford, and hampers greatly the career of the scholar. Under this very moderate examination test nearly 15 States and Territories of the American Union have failed in 1904 and 1905 to furnish scholars, as did also the Northwest Territory of Canada in 1905. The necessity for passing it will almost certainly act as a stimulus to local educational effort in America. Doubtless it will have the same effect in Australia.

The decision of some of the Australian scholars to take service in India after the completion of their Oxford course will, no doubt, occasion comment. The primary thought of Rhodes was apparently to give men an exceptional equipment for the service of the Empire, and to secure an interchange of ideas and influence between its various parts. He seems to have expected that his scholars would naturally return to their own country. But he laid down no conditions on this point. That a proportion should take work elsewhere in the Empire does not appear, however, out of accord with his broader view. The matter will probably be settled by laws of supply and demand. Rhodes scholars, like other aspiring young men, will follow the line of opportunity. The brilliant Canadian has lately become regius professor of medicine at Oxford. A brilliant New Zealander is giving marked distinction to science in Canada, where he has equipment for research which he could not hope to find at home. Brilliant Englishmen go to all parts of the Empire. The free interchange of specialised talent between all the colonies and the motherland seems to have the promise of mutual advantage. It can scarcely think, for instance, of any position where an able young Canadian or Australian, familiar with home conditions, could do more good to-day to his own country than on the staff of one of those great London journals which influence world opinion. Other examples might be multiplied. A scholar who does not at once return to a colony need not necessarily be lost to it as a valuable asset.

Meanwhile the task assigned to the six committees of selection in the various States of choosing year by year a group of young men who in character and ability will stand for and who in character represent Australia at what has now become more than ever a great meeting place of the Anglo-Saxon race is one of no slight importance. The trust looks to the wise exercise of their judgment by these committees as the best guarantee, so far as Australia is concerned, of success for the scholarship scheme of the great founder.

BROKEN HILL MINE FIRES.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

The situation at the Proprietary mine to-day seems slightly improved. The fire fighting has made much progress that the men on the 300ft crosscut were able to break into the old timbers directly over the seat of the fire, and this enabled, according to the management, water to be poured directly on to the fire below. Other attack operations are proceeding as usual.

The manager, Mr. Delprat, says that Port Pirie will be but little affected by the Broken Hill fire, as the works there will be supplied with reserve stocks of slimes and sintered slimes.

On the Junction also satisfactory progress is apparently being made. Men at the 490ft level this morning encountered some gas and smoke, and other evidence that the fire is still up the southern stopes in the north mine is proceeding, and expected to be completed to-morrow. Then the men will resume ordinary work in the northern stopes.

THE BOY AND THE BOOK

It is somewhat of a fashion to look back upon one's school days as the happiest period of life. Little is usually allowed for the glamour cast by distance; all the dull hot hours spent in tedious mastery of "amo" or "aller;" all the unjust punishments which fell to our lot through the crimes of the boy at the next desk; all these and more are forgotten as we look lovingly back through a telescope whose object-glass holds a faint tint of rose. But, closely considering, we find that the schoolboy lacks one of the greatest essentials of happiness—the power to appreciate just how happy he is. And, again, freedom of thought and action are denied him. Without these things it would be impossible for a grown man to find the slightest savour in life. True it is that in the case of the boy this restraint is necessary and salutary, for who cannot obey cannot rule. Still, the process of receiving the first rudiments of civilisation is by no means one of unalloyed joy.

We humans confuse things so for want of quiet contemplation. The boy, we say, has no responsibilities; therefore he is happier than the man. Was ever such false conclusion? The cabbage may be said to have no responsibility; is it therefore to be placed upon the supreme peak of bliss? Ignorance is one kind of bliss, certainly, but the happiness which comes in rare gleams to the well-trained, feeling mind, is upon a vastly higher plane than that of the savage or the raw schoolboy. It is possible that all living things total equally their joys and sorrows; great joy and great sorrow are the portions of humanity, but the earthworm lives evenly balanced in a mild content, and the game upon the lawn of the gods stands "vantage all."

So the boy is not happier because he has not the man's burdens, for he knows not the happiness which these burdens bring. Although not so free as the savage his happiness is similar. But to all deep-thinking men the life of the savage seems lacking in any perfection either of joy or grief. And few who have known what work and love and death mean would willingly go back to the primitive passions and pleasures of early youth.

Not that one's schooldays are devoid of happiness; the fearful joy of the undetected peccadillo, the villainy built so artistically that the lure attributes to accident what is really Machiavellian design, and the first class sniggers furtively at his back for the rest of the lesson. There is the swapping of stamps, the collection of beetles, or marbles, or matchbox tops, or cigarette cards, or buttons; or indeed anything of no possible use and little beauty. To have tasted the full flavour of a holiday one must have played truant. To have known hero-worship in one's own person it is necessary to have caned without flinching, smiling the while upon one's admiring compeers. Yes; the boy can have a fairly good time at school—if he take it not too seriously. Dowered with a sense of humour he may not perhaps pass his exams., but he enjoys life and is usually in favour with the masters in spite of his determination not to let the pale cast of thought sickly him to any large degree. Such a boy learns enough to help him in the great battle which awaits him, willy-nilly, beyond the school gates. But how few there are! A chance dies of brain fever, as is the fate of some few miserables who "swot" with wet towels round their youthful brows when normal boys are snoring. Those who thus perish are saved from the fate of becoming professional athletes, unhappy creatures who find in all their pleasure, all their knowledge of life, out of text-books, and die, fiercely bachelor, overgrown boys of 80 ill-spent years. The healthy boy does not like text-books, and reads them only from dire necessity.

Well do I remember the books we joyed in. How often it proved that our schoolbooks were whited sepulchres, for outside the guileless master might read "Q. Horatii Flacci Carminum Liber III.," and within was unfolded a bloody tale of piracy and high doings upon the Spanish Main. Or, more openly wicked, the book of the desk, and the day of wrath, when the romance reader's turn came for translation, was averted by judicious prompting. Sometimes it was not. With the discharge of Red Roger's pistol in the translator's ear, "Exegi monumentum" became "I have eaten a monument;" "Splendidior vitro" was construed "vitriolic splendor." Most stirring times ensued. But still Red Roger found lurking place in the covers of the "Elementary Classics."

Then there was the decoration of our dull history books to keep us busy. Certain very indifferent drawings of the comings and goings of deceased kings appe.red in these works. Here the wicked John signed Magna Charta, here Alfred's nose was tinkled under the ministrations of the cutter's wife. Further on William III. crossed the Boyne, and still further on Wolfe gasped out his life before Quebec. These illustrations were embellished by pasting in heads from the comic journals, by Crary and Fraser, Frayed Pages, and the Little Boy from Manly. The results were startling. I have a book still which gives a surprising version of Caesar's landing in Britain. Some of these compositions were masterpieces of grotesque humour and indirected pains.

On a lower plane we read the adventures of one Deadwood Dick, a truly noble creation. We were juniors in those days, and the chronicles of Dick were just to our taste, gruesome, blood-spattered, ungrammatical. Heavens! the adventures of this hero. How unerring was his revolver, how ready his bowie-knife in defence of injured innocence. We read him during the midday interval, and in the trams, and alas, in school-time. There we would, with our foreheads ostentatiously study the artless tale of Balbus and the Wall, and the doings of "Tullius indignus, agricola." What time our eyes ferreted in the gloom behind the desk to draw how Dick cut down eight "road-agents" (not land agents) one after the other with his own fair hands. Just as he sprang upon his fiery mustang would perchance come the voice of doom: "S——, bring that book here." And bang went one penny into the waste-paper basket. How we loathed that W.P.B. That loathing has stayed with some of us even to the present day. Many times in the course of his chequered life did Deadwood Dick suffer death, but we knew that, like Rider Haggard's "She," he would "come again." But even death must be final at one time or other; undergo it often as you may, it catches you in the end. Well do I recall the anguish which swept through the lower school when our hero's rashness in dying upon any opportunity led to his last irrevocable death. The talented authors of these tales started a son upon the trail of his father—Deadwood Dick, junior. But he was never the same to us: the mantle of his sire was too big for him.

This taste for mere blood and fury seemed to drop suddenly away from us with the growing taste for surreptitious tobacco. We felt that we, or did not read such works, and were we not men now? Each had a clay pipe hidden in his bag, and Jones Major even shaved once a month. Yes, we were maturer. We must mend our ways. So we read Henty and Ballantyne and Jules Verne. We made the acquaintance of Mark Twain and Artemus Ward. There were others of course, but these were our gods. As for poetry, did we not have too much of that in the English lesson? We read of the "Ancient Mariner" in class, and found it dull and silly. In the lunch-hour we read the dreary voyage of the African balloon, and found it vital and true. Boys have very primitive imaginations. But one verse of the "mariner" haunted me. It was the verse of the lonely road along which walked the frightful fiend. I knew the feeling. And very occasionally some great passage from the greatest poet of the world would penetrate even the tough schoolboy hide. The sonorous speech of Gloucester in the beginning of Richard III., the hushed soliloquy of Othello over the wife whom he was about to sacrifice, the agony of young Romeo over his dead love; these things hit deep into some hidden way, the seeds of romance which were to blossom later on according to the nature of the ground upon which they fell. Some they never hit. But hidden under the assumed hardness of the 15-year-old boy is a deal of wild romance, and certain passages as quoted above made us see dimly into the tragedy and mystery and sweetness of life as it swept on beyond our schoolbound little understandings. These were the things of which we did not talk to one another, holding such softness shame.

And so, just as we began to take an interest in our work we left. Some to go on to the University, where thought is so often a matter of system and text-books, some to go into offices where thought is killed outright unless it be most robust, amid the sordid details of £ s d. Scattered to the uttermost ends of the earth we were. Some in England, some in Germany, France, China, Africa; and, alas, some are dead. And how diverse are our interests and occupations. Of two great friends of my early school-days one is with the New Zealand footballers in England, and one is a parson in Christchurch. Of my later associates one is an assistant professor of languages, one a cricketer, one a lawyer, one a country doctor. Taught the same things, moulded early in the same mould, how do minds vary in the end. Truly, the school is like a garden-bed, wherein one plants seeds of some most variable flower which, after the drudgery of germination, blossoms in blue and white, and red. Only the flowers do not look back, rightly or wrongly, upon the days prisoned in the seed as the happiest period of their existence. They are content with maturity, and the looker-back of our race might learn much from their contents.

—H. A.

WORKMEN'S CLUBS.

APPEAL AGAINST A REGISTRATION.

WOLLONGONG, Friday.

At the Quarter Sessions to-day, before his Honor Judge Fitzhardinge, J. Wynn and F. Burrows appealed against the decision of the Licensing Bench at Wollongong in granting registration to the Woonona Workmen's Club. Mr. G. H. Reid, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. A. Lysaght, appeared for the appellants; and Mr. A. B. Piddington, instructed by Messrs. Owen and Son, for the club.

In opening the case, Mr. Piddington raised the objection that where an application was granted and a certificate ordered to issue for registration, no right to appeal existed. Under the amended Liquor Act the Licensing Bench had no power to grant an appeal. It was never intended that there should be any right of appeal when the Act was passed into law.

Mr. Reid contended that the amended Liquor Act was incorporated with the principal Act. Taken in conjunction with the Interpretation Act, the right of appeal against registration was given in a very clear manner. If the amended Act intended that no appeal was to be entertained it would have been stated in the Act that any decision given by the Licensing Bench would be final. What an appeal meant was an actual rehearing of the case, and the effect of an appeal was to suspend registration until the question had been decided by a higher Court.

After argument, the objection was overruled, his Honor holding that the provisions of the Acts gave the right of appeal, the amending Act containing no contrary provisions.

J. T. Sweeney, secretary of the club, then entered the witness-box. The evidence as given by him before the Licensing Bench was read.

Mr. Reid: What amount was received for liquor during 1905?

Mr. Piddington objected. The Act was not intended to be retrospective. The amended Liquor Act came into force on January 1, 1906, and no question could be asked as to the conduct of a club beyond that date.

Mr. Reid argued that questions could be asked to show on what lines a club had been conducted since the formation, and for what purpose it had been used.

His Honor said that the question was an important one. All that the Court had to inquire into was the object for which the club was used since January 1, and all the evidence given would have to be restricted as to how the club had been managed since that date.

J. T. Sweeney, secretary, in reply to Mr. Reid, said the salaries of the officials took nearly all the members' subscriptions. About one-third of the members used the club at different times daily. On pay days no more than 40 members would be present. At one time members were allowed to take quantities of liquor away from the club.

J. B. Nicholson, M.L.A., considered the club was well conducted, and as respectable as any hotel.

J. Doel, steward, said that the evidence given by him before the Licensing Bench was correct. In reply to Mr. Reid, he said the average daily attendance of members was from 25 to 30. His hours were from 8 a.m. till 11 p.m. About £150 worth of liquor was in stock at the beginning of the year. The reading-room was well stocked with periodicals and newspapers. Receipts for liquor, cordials, tobacco, and cigars from January 1 to February 12 amounted to £132. Tea, coffee, and luncheon were supplied if required.

Sub-inspector Pountney, licensing inspector, did not consider the premises suitable, and said that they were mainly used for the supply of liquor. In his opinion, it was not a bona-fide club.

Constable Gibbons stated that he had seen men leaving the club premises drunk since January 1. He considered the premises were used mainly for the supply of liquor, and were not large enough for 150 members.

Sergeant-Constable Schwarz said that in February he noticed several members of the club near the premises under the influence of drink. They had bottles of liquor in their possession. He also saw some 15 members come out of the club with bottles in their pockets on the night of February 17.

At this stage Mr. Piddington asked that the appellants be called for cross-examination.

His Honor declined the request.

John Muir, president of the club, stated that he had frequently been present at the club since January 1. He had seen members playing different games and reading. Debates were held once a week.

David Ritchie, miners' general secretary, said he had been in the club frequently. There were members who did not consume liquor at all. He had no knowledge of any members having been expelled for excessive drinking.

Lieutenant-Colonel Chisholm, P.M., and chairman of the Licensing Bench, stated that after the application of the club for registration had been lodged he received the promises, and found them very clean in every way.

The Court at this stage adjourned.

LITHGOW, Friday.

The Lithgow Licensing Bench has been sitting three days this week dealing with applications for registration of the Portland and Lithgow Workmen's Clubs. The hearing commenced on Wednesday morning. There was no objection by the licensing inspector, and also by the Good Templars' Lodge, Portland. Evidence was heard with the object of showing that the club was also used for literary and social objects, while the objectors sought to show that it existed mainly for supplying liquor. Finally, after two days' hearing, the Bench refused the application on the ground that the club was kept and habitually used mainly for the supply of liquor. The decision will possibly be appealed against.

The hearing of the application of the Lithgow Club for registration then commenced. There were objections by the licensing inspector, by the Church of England, Presbyterian, and Methodist ministers, and Messrs. Gannon and Simon. The hearing of evidence occupied the greater portion of to-day, and finally the Bench granted the application.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The following were to-day's clearances:—The Nardoo, s, for Fremantle, with 4430 tons; Beeswing, bq, for Coquimbo, with 2292 tons; Wallsend; Barwon, s, for Melbourne, with 4770 tons; Era, s, for Port Pirie, via Wallaroo, with 3750 tons.

THE WEATHER.

COONAMBLE.—Another inch of rain fell on Thursday night, making 256 points for the week, and about 5 inches since the beginning of the year. This rain came just in time, as preparations were being made to shift sheep. The prospects for lambing and winter feed are now good.

COBAR.—The additional rainfall on Thursday in the town was 32 points. All the mine tanks are now full, and a 12 months' supply of water has been stored. There are prospects of more rain. Mount Drysdale has had good rain—over 2 inches.

DUNGOG.—A series of storms passed over the town on Thursday night, and heavy rain fell, 105 points being recorded.

HILLGROVE.—It has been raining steadily the last 12 hours (10.30 a.m., Friday).

MOREE.—There were splendid general rains on Thursday night, said to have been the best for five years. Results:—Moree 137 points, Middle 147, Mungindi 72, Boggabilla 9, Yetman 27, Aynley 200, Garah 200, Collarenebri 178, Boggabri 67, Wee Waa 66, Bulyeroi 40, Beefwood 249, Wallon 175.

MURRUMBURRAH.—On Friday morning 141 points were registered, making a total of 181 for the last three days. Out stations report:—Garangula 118 points, Redbank 113, Tiverton 126. The sky still remains cloudy, with every indication of a further fall (10 a.m., Friday).

NEW ANGLEDOOL.—Since Wednesday 215 points of rain have fallen, making a total of 360 points since Tuesday. It is still showery. The country has been thoroughly soaked.

PATERSON.—A thunderstorm on Thursday night gave an inch of rain, which replenished the tanks and creeks. The weather is still unsettled (11 a.m. Friday).

RYLSTONE.—The drought has been broken. Steady rain commenced on Thursday. 114 points being registered to 9 o'clock on Friday morning. This is the first good rain for nine months. There is a prospect of further rain (10.30 a.m., Friday).

SINGLETON.—After three days of very oppressive weather a storm occurred at 9.30 on Thursday night. Heavy rain fell for about three-quarters of an hour, 167 points being recorded. This will greatly benefit the late crops. There is every indication of more rain.

TUMBERUMBA.—A beneficial change in the weather occurred on Wednesday night, when the drought broke, and very heavy showers fell all day on Thursday at intervals. 110 points being registered to 9 o'clock this morning. It will do good to the district, and give an impetus to the mining industry. Some of the leading claims had feared that it would be necessary to close down for want of water.

TUMUT.—One hundred and one points of rain fell at Tumut the last two days, but in the higher country the falls were:—Talbingo 305 points, Yellowin 250. The rain came too late for the maize crops, but will ensure grass for the winter.

WERRIS CREEK.—There was a splendid downpour of needed rain this morning, giving 305 points. The district is now assured of a favourable outlook for the coming winter pasturage. There are indications of further rain.

BREAK OF DAY TONIC.

Ten drops in water early in the morning remove a SOUR TASTE in the mouth, HEADACHE, and the deleterious effects of OVER-INDULGENCE. FISHER'S PHOSPHERINE is also a great NERVE CORRECTOR.

All chemists, 1s; four times the quantity, 2s 6d.

Insist upon FISHER'S.—Advt.

Try Carter's Little Liver Pills, a positive cure for sick headache and disordered liver. 1s 1½d. But be sure they are Carter's.—Advt.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION

DUTIES ON JEWELLERY.

HOW ARTICLES ARE "LOADED."

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The principal subject of inquiry at the Tariff Commission to-day was jewellery.

Mr. A. Stewart, secretary of the Working Jewellers' Society of Victoria, presented petitions from the working jewellers of Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Western Australia, praying that the present duty of 25 per cent. on imported jewellery be increased to 40 per cent. The petitions were signed by 315 working jewellers in Victoria, 28 in Western Australia, 59 in New South Wales, and 69 in Adelaide. In the United States the production on jewellery was 60 per cent. Since federation there was an increase of 5 per cent. on the old Victorian duty of 20 per cent., but trade was worse than it was under the Victorian. The tariff was easily got over by lowering the quality of goods. Even Hall-marked goods were not always of the quality stamped. Some imported jewellery marked 9 carat was recently found, on assay, to be only 6 or 7 carat. Witness produced a cross, and explained that these articles could only be marked on the back. After the crosses were stamped they were loaded with common solder. Goods of this description were sent from Germany to London to be Hall marked. They were then returned to Germany, where they were "loaded," and then exported. In Australia manufacturers used gold solder, which was more expensive than silver solder. A duty of 25 per cent. was not sufficient to protect the Commonwealth against this class of jewellery. Some lines required a duty of 100 per cent., especially such lines as silver jewellery, metal sleevelinks, sovereign purses, etc. Jewellers particularly complained that an ad valorem duty on unset jewellery was unfair. The Government was being robbed, as rings, brooches, etc., ready to be set were imported, while gems numbered and ready to be set were sent in separately free. A ring which was admitted as unset jewellery could, with an hour and a half's work, be turned into a finished article. Gold cost more to jewellers in Australia than in foreign countries. That was explained by the fact that the alloys of copper and silver were cheaper in foreign countries, and that gas and coke were also cheaper.

Mr. Philip Shapper, president of the Victorian Manufacturing Jewellers' Association, said that manufacturers desired the duty on imported jewellery increased to 35 per cent. Victorian manufacturers were bound by law amongst themselves to submit to a penalty of £100 for every article that was not up to standard.

Senator Higgs: Have you any suggestion as to how the importation of jewellery that is not up to the value of the Hall mark on it can be prevented?—If the Trade Marks Act is carried out that should be quite sufficient.

Senator Pearce referred to imported jewellery that the Customs should have authority to examine articles, and if they were found to be under the value stamped on them, forfeit them?—I would suggest that for all jewellery, whether made in the States or not. I have articles in my factory which have been manufactured in Sydney, and which bear a Hall mark of 18 carat, but which are made of brass.

Mr. Fowler: Is that sort of thing confined to Sydney?—No. It is done everywhere.

Mr. John Aronson, jeweller, supported the request of the Manufacturing Jewellers' Association. He was an importer of jewellery. He would prefer, in addition to the quality being marked, that all jewellery should bear a distinguishing mark, which would enable the source of origin of the goods to be traced by the inspector appointed by the Government.

Mr. H. M. Simonsen, manufacturing jeweller, suggested that there should be a differential tariff on finished and unfinished jewellery.

W. McNeilage, manager of the Melbourne Glass-bottle Works, Spottiswoode, suggested the following duties:—Bottles, up to and including 8oz fluid contents, 1s 9d per cubic foot; 8oz and up to 16oz, 1s per cubic foot; 16oz and up to 32oz, 9d per cubic foot; wine bottles, 9d; wine, spirit, and beer bottles, reputed or imperial quarts, 9d. Measurement should be taken of the outside of the package. All bottles manufactured in the United Kingdom should be admitted at a reduction of 25 per cent. Fluted bottles should be charged duty as follows:—Up to and including 2oz, 1s per doz; 2oz and up to 10oz, 9d per dozen; 10oz and upwards, 6d per dozen. Since the present tariff came into operation a number of factories in the different States had to close down. Notwithstanding the present duty, bottles from Germany and Japan were now being sold at 10 per cent. and 20 per cent. less than they were being sold in New South Wales when Sydney was a free port.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SHOOTING WITHOUT INTENT.

TEMORA, Friday.

At the police court to-day Frank Kite, a farmer at Narrabarra, was charged with maliciously shooting at Thomas Whybrow with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The evidence showed that on Monday last Whybrow and another came to Kite's place to take away some horses belonging to their employer, and he had brought Kite's farm. Kite ordered them off, and fired a revolver shot. They cleared out. Two more shots were fired. The defence alleged that there was no malicious intent, and that the shots were fired under great excitement to frighten the men off. The police magistrate held that there was no malicious intent, and the case was dismissed.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

GLEN INNES, Friday.

The Education Department has decided that a district school for New England should be established at Glen Innes, and pupils from Armidale, Inverell, Tenterfield, and various towns of the northern tableland will attend. Advanced pupils will have facilities equal to those obtainable at Sydney High School, and the secondary classes will be conducted on the co-education principle. The New England District School was organised yesterday by Inspector S. H. Smith.

MOTORING TO MONARO.

QUEANBEYAN, Friday.

Messrs. Horders, Waters, Gillett, and Hunter passed through this morning with a six-h.p. brazier, en route for Monaro. The party had a splendid trip, but found the roads bad in places, notably between Goulburn and Sydney. They are going on to the Yarrangobilly Caves and Tumut.

MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES.

LITHGOW, Friday.

The Lithgow coal trade has been rather dull. At the ironworks, the bar mill will put in full time this week. No. 1 sheet mill commenced on Tuesday, and will run to the end of the week. No. 2 sheet mill remains idle owing to the large stock of steel ingots on hand. Mr. Sanford is just in receipt of a letter from his son in England, who advises that he has placed orders with the firm of Babcock and Wilcox for four of the firm's large boilers for the new blast furnace plant. Two boilers are already shipped, and the remaining two will be sent in due course. At Cobar and Burraga copper refining works operations are moving along in the ordinary way. The Brownfields pottery is in full work, and there are indications of an increase of activity.

LITHGOW EISTEDDFOD.

LITHGOW, Friday.

Lithgow's first eisteddfod was held on Wednesday and last night, under the auspices of the local Cambrian Society, and proved very successful. About 600 attended the final session last night, and great interest and enthusiasm were shown. Mr. Jonah Bevan, of Newcastle, was the adjudicator. Messrs. Henry and Ryan were the judges in the literary sections. Mrs. Sandford presented the winners with the prizes. Miss Walters acted as official accompanist, and Mr. D. Watkins, M.P., officiated as conductor, while Mr. John Hurley, M.L.A., and the Mayor of Lithgow, were chairmen on Wednesday and Thursday nights respectively.

THE HOSPITALS.

FORBES, Friday.

The annual meeting of the Forbes Benevolent Society was held yesterday afternoon, the Rev. W. J. Dunstan presiding. The annual report and balance-sheet disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs. All the retiring committee were re-elected.

ALBURY, Friday.

Henry Primrose, alias Andrew White, alias Andrew Ferguson, alias George Wilson, was before the Albury Court to-day on a charge of false pretences. It was alleged that he passed a cheque at Daniels' establishment purporting to bear the signature of A. Bowman, Bethanga Park. Primrose pleaded guilty, and asked to be dealt with summarily, but the Bench decided to commit him for trial.

KEMPSEY, Friday.

A very old identity in the person of Mr. Robert Stephen Hayes died at Smithtown this week, aged 86 years. The deceased was a native of the county of Limerick, and came to New South Wales in 1840. He resided on the Macleay since 1861.

TAMWORTH, Friday.

Mr. C. H. Poole, M.H.R., New Zealand, who is about to commence a temperance campaign in Tamworth, was welcomed by the Mayor and townspeople this afternoon.

VICTORIA.

THE WRECK OF THE SPEKE.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

A report was received at to-day's meeting of the Marine Board from the shipping inspector respecting the wreck of the barque Speke. The board afterwards announced that it would be remitted to the Court of Marine Inquiry on a charge of careless navigation on the part of Captain Tilston.

THE ANTHRAX CASE.

The Board of Health has received reports that the hair which Lewis, hair-worker, handled before he contracted anthrax, recently, came from Victoria, but it is impossible to say what part of the State. It was decided to take steps to have anthrax classed amongst the diseases notification of which is compulsory.

CASUALTIES.

A SAD FATALITY.

A report has been furnished of the death of a little girl, named Doris Penfold, aged 1 year and 7 months, which occurred at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on Wednesday. It appears that the child was playing in the garden. Her father, who was there, noticed that the little girl was dangerously near a pony, and, with the intention of preventing an accident, he called to the pony, which backed and trod on the child. The child died from the injuries received.

CHILD RUN OVER.

Mary Catherine Hennessy, aged two years and four months, met with a sad accident early yesterday. Mrs. Hennessy was on the balcony of her residence, Crown-road, Ultimo, and saw her daughter standing in the gutter. Noticing a four-wheeled vehicle approaching, she called out to the driver to warn him. The driver, however, turned his head, and did not notice the child, who ran out, and was knocked over, a wheel of the vehicle passing over her head. The child was taken to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where she was admitted by Dr. Molesworth, who treated her for a fracture of the skull. Death took place in the institution.

ACCIDENT AT A MINE.

HILLGROVE, Friday.

Yesterday afternoon, while a young man named Bayup was working on an antimony reef at Brereton's Falls, a fall of earth occurred. He rolled and fell a distance of about 100ft. When found he was unconscious. He was removed to the hospital. The doctor's examination showed that only superficial injuries to the head, face, and body had been received. Serious results are not looked for.

A MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF.

BROKEN HILL, Friday.

A man named Lawrence, 43 years of age, shot himself this morning. He was taken to the hospital, where death took place. Lawrence lived in Crystal-street with his wife. He was discovered lying on his bed with a wound in his right temple and a revolver in his right hand. The wound was bleeding freely, and the bed was saturated with blood. Lawrence shot himself because of a pending prosecution for the alleged theft of a fowl.

ESKBANK IRONWORKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I should not be troubling you if it were not for a paragraph in your article of yesterday under the above heading. You write: "We have had two illustrations of what this means in practical application within the past few days. This morning we quote a remark of Mr. Sanford who proposes to offer employment to some hundreds of men almost immediately at Lithgow, and who believes the prospect, if realised, would warrant the employment of thousands."

You add: "There is an obstacle, however, and the menace of socialistic legislation and politically-dictated industrial conditions indicate what it is."

Allow me to state that it was not socialistic legislation I referred to as the obstacle, but the threatened policy of the Freetrade party. It is the uncertainty of our ports being opened for the surplus of older countries to be dumped there, and the manufacturers' market crippled, as it has been in the past. For instance, when we erected the first sheet iron rolling mill in Australia, and started the galvanised iron industry, the duty of £2 per ton had been collected for about 20 years; it was a good revenue-producing item. After we had been working some time the duty was taken off, and remained for years, until about 4½ per cent. was put on by the Federal Government. The reduction in duties, alterations in freight, the land taxes and municipal rates have added to our cost of close on 3½ per cent., equal to the duty first collected. We do not forget who was the means of doing this, and cannot trust the same people. It is the uncertainty of our politicians outside of the Labour party that I am afraid of today.

I therefore asked Mr. Cook to say what the party intends to do about the iron industry. I think it best to state with regard to dealing with the men here, that we have established a system in our works of paying wages which has answered all right for some years. The bulk of the work, from getting the coal to the finished iron and the delivery on trucks, is tonnage work. A rate was fixed for each class of work, and every man paid from the office; the basis is the selling price of iron for the previous six months. At the end of every six months a chartered accountant examines every item for the previous six months; he then states what has been the average selling price. For instance, if there has been an advance of 5s per ton over the previous six months, and so on in proportion, whatever the price realised, wages are advanced 2½ per cent. for every 5s per ton advance. If a reduction, wages go down 2½ per cent. to every 5s per ton. The Eskbank Ironworkers' Union pay half the cost of audit, and we pay the balance.

Our new works will be carried on on the same principle. I must point out that neither the Portland cement industry, the cement industry which Mr. Goodlet established in Sydney, the iron and steel industry of Mittagong and Lithgow, or Mort's Dock Engineering Company, or any other metal industry, has had fair play from the Federal Government.

The present State Government of New South Wales have done their part, and what is wanted to safeguard capital is the extended market of the other States.

Whilst on this subject, kindly allow me to refer to two articles which appeared in the "Herald" yesterday, under the heading "Easy Money Market" and "Strong Banking Position." In the first article you state in reference to overdrafts having been converted into substantial credit balances: "To such an extent has this occurred that for the first time on record the Australian public has deposits in the banks of issue within the Commonwealth exceeding one hundred millions sterling. In the savings banks there are an additional forty millions sterling, while the insurance companies also have large funds for which they have to find interest-earning investments." In the second article you state: "In 1892 only 28.19 per cent. of the deposits in the Australian banks were non-interest bearing. Now no less than 59.03 per cent. are on the current account." All this inevitably leads to one inquiry, What is going to become of this excess of capital? The problem for the banks to face is how best to use this money in Australia among our own people in developing our own land without encouraging undue inflation, which the presence of so much capital could so easily cause.

You have touched the very crux of the policy for the next Federal election. All lovers of our adopted country are asking themselves and their friends how to solve this problem of giving opportunities for brain and hand, and securing capital in Australia.

Readers of the "Herald" have had during the past few weeks reports of the cement works at Portland, the iron and steel manufacturing works at Lithgow, and the engineering and shipbuilding yards of Mort's Dock. An immense amount of capital has been invested in those undertakings. The raw materials and markets for the finished products are here for the employment of five times the present capital. Why is it, then, that capitalists will not invest in such undertakings? Simply because there is no security for the capital. When our politicians grow into statesmen, as in Canada, and our Commonwealth Government offer the same security for capital as the Canadian Government have done, and give opportunities for capital similar to what has been done by them, then will follow the same result as in our sister country, employment for capital and labour.

I have travelled twice through Canada during the past two years, and came back feeling that we had in Australia a fine country, abounding in raw materials, with great possibilities. The question is one entirely for the Commonwealth Government. I repeat again, they must learn how to give security for capital.

I am, etc.,

W. SANDFORD.

A CHARMING TONIC.

KOLA-CUP strengthens the DIGESTION. It soothes and nourishes outraged Stomachs. KOLA-CUP builds up the system and makes NEW BLOOD.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 2.

Zealandia, s, 2771 tons, Captain G. F. Entwhle, from Auckland. Passengers—Messrs. Gray, Dashwood, London, Griffith, Mercer, Tutt, Hooper, Gino, Reid, Thornton, Spunner, Smith, Rouse, Rose, Jennings, Draper, Maxwell, Stirton, Orr, Uttley, Buchanan, Little, O'Brien, Foster, Cano, Kelly, Fegan, Russell, Anderson, Hargreaves, Thompson, Gordon, Browne, Elder. Winks, Wooten, Gilmour, Bousins, Allen, Green, Nelson, Lavitt, Dr. Fraquar, Dr. MacIntaire, Mayo Smith, Rev. Warlow Davies, Misses Jones, Brady, Gormley, Anderson, Winks, Geering, Howell, Mesdames Fraquair, Gibb, Reid, Spunner, Thomas, Maxwell, Kearney

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

There was a moderate volume of business effected on 'Change yesterday, chiefly at about late market rates. New South Wales 3 per cent. Funded Stock, due 1912, Government option, sold at the previous price. Bank of New South Wales shares also changed hands at the last reported sale price. Newcastle Steam improved 9d. A better price was offered for Bellambi Coal, while Newcastle Coal was less firm. Wallsend Coal rose a few shillings, with business at the improved price. Tooth's Brewery, Fresh Food and Ice, and Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, paid 10s, all moved off at late figures.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: North Coast Steam, 25s; Tooth and Co., 23s 6d. Later: Nil. Noon: Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 23s 6d; N.S.W. 3 per cent. Funded Stock, 1912, £85 10s; Wallsend Coal, £21 10s. Later: Fresh Food and Ice, 9s 6d; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, 10s paid, 12s. Afternoon: Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 23s 6d. Later: Bank of New South Wales, £45 15s.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital Paid up.	Amount of Shares	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per Annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor
STOCK &c.								
N.S.W. 3 p.c. Fd. Act. 1907	4,066,707	...	...	3	£3/4	£5	£5	7/6
Do., 1892 ...	1,250,175	...	...	3½	99	99½	99	3/6
Do., 1892 ...	2,549,580	...	...	4	102	101½	...	3/6
Do., Act 1873	£84,189	...	...	4	...	101	...	3/6
Do., 4 p.c. due 9.8.07	550,000	...	...	4	101	100½	101	...
Do., Deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	...	100½	...	...
Do., P. Bills, 1906 ...	1,169 700	...	...	3½	99½	99½	...	...
Ditto ...	300,000	...	...	4	101	100	...	3/6
N. Z. Do., 1909	300,000	...	...	4	101½	101	...	3/6
Queensland, 1918	3,000,000	...	...	4	...	101	...	3/6
Do., Tr. Bills	530,000	...	...	4	101	101½	...	3/6
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	3/6
Austrin. Gas Deb. 1927	300,000	...	...	4	102	101½	103	...
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	100	102	...	4
Do., 1929	100,000	...	...	4	102	101½	...	4
Co. Sugar D. 1914	...	...	...	5	103½	105	...	4½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	184,588	3½	1	...	...	...	...	...
Aust'lasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	95	96	...	...
City	400,000	10	8	3½	70	69	72½	5½
New Issue	160,000	10	8	3½	65½	64½	...	5½
Commercial of Aust. ..	24,492	20	10	...	6/10	10/	...	...
Ditto, pref.	2,117,280	10	10	8	6½	6¾	...	4½
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	29½	29¾	...	4½
N. of Aust.	1,192,440	8	8	4	7/9	7/6	...	4½
Queensland	3,000,000	20	20	10	11/3	11	...	4½
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	45½	45	46	4½
N. Zealand	427,310	6½	5	5	7/12	8/	...	...
N. Queensl'd	400,000	10	7½	3	2/18	2/19	...	...
Oriental Nat.	418,968	5	3	...	5/	6/	...	...
Royal of Can.	457,666	9	6½	3½	6/16	7/2	...	4½
Union ...	1,500,000	75	10	10	51	50	...	4½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk., Class A**	...	...	...	8	19/6	19/	...	8½
Class B**	...	...	...	8	13/9	13/2	13/5	8½
Class B, 1917**	...	...	...	...	13/3	12/9	...	8½
Do., Deb., **	788,033	...	...	3½	11/	10/9	11/	6½
Com. of Aus. Assets**	3,334,903	...	...	3	13/6	14/6	...	4½
E.S.A. Inscr. pref.**	989,418	...	...	3	12/6	12/6	...	4½
Do., def.**	808,736	...	...	4½	16/9	16/6	...	4½
Do., Deb.**	985,552	...	...	4½	17/6	17/3	...	4½
Q. Nat. ...	3,116,621	...	...	5½	15/	15/3	15/6	4½
STEAM.								
Pal. Ferry ++	16,670	1	1	7½	27/6	28/3	...	5½
Illawarra ...	49,797	1	1½	...	2½	2½	...	...
Howd'd Smith	250,000	20	20	10	39/	38½	39	5½
Do., 5s paid	...	...	2½	5	2½	2½	2½	10/
Ditto, pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, def., 4s paid	...	...	...	...	5/6	4/9	5/6	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	23/6	23/3	24/6	5½
North Coast	131,250	1	1	17/6	25/	24/6	25/6	7½
New Issue	...	...	...	12/6	...	19/9	19/3	19/6
Sydn. Ferries	140,000	1	1	10	24/	24/	...	...
Port Jackson	99,000	50	25	10	32/6	32/	32/6	7½
Ditto deb.	8,545	1	1	5	26/	19/9	...	5½
INSURANCE &c.								
A.M. Fire	62,500	1	12	14	42/	41/6	...	6½
Mer. Mutual	160,000	1	8	13	16/6	16/	16/6	5
New Zealand	250,000	10	5	15	94/6	...	...	...
N. Zland ...	20,000	1	10/	1	15/	...	15/	6½
United ...	68,220	10	2½	12½	6½	6	6½	...
COAL.								
Bellambi	175,000	1	1	15	30/	32/3	...	9½
East Greta	121,953	1	1	10	23/	22/	24/6	9
Ditto New	...	...	...	...	...	22/	24	...
Hed'n Greta	42,550	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Hetton	120,000	5	5	6	45/6	43/	46/6	...
Newcastle	100,000	10	10	...	90	89	92	...
Stockton	93,641	1	1	4	2/7	2/6	2/9	...
New ...	...	...	16	4	1/ nil	...	...	3
Y. of Clwydd	20,000	1	1	10	22/	25/	30/	6½
Wallsend	40,000	10	...	40	21	21	22	9½
Waratah	...	...	...	1/	...	6/6	...	...
Wickham & Bullask	108,077	1	...	1/1	9½	1/3	...	...
New ...	...	1	1	13/	...	...	...	...
Preferential ...	...	1	1	20/	...	5/3	6/	...
GAS.								
Albury ...	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	20/	...	6½
Australian ...	750,000	6	6	15	19½	19½	19¾	4½
Ditto New ...	...	6	6	15	11	10½	11¼	...
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/9	14/	...	...
Goulburn ...	10,000	1	1	15	24/	30/	...	...
Grafton ...	9,500	5	5	8	27/6	27/	29/	5½
Maitland Gas	15,500	5	5	7	8½	...	...	...
Manly ...	10,000	1	1	8	28/	27/6	...	...
Ditto New ...	5,000	1	1	8	28/	27/	...	5½
Mudgee ...	8,000	1	1	8	18/9	19/6	...	7½
Newcastle ...	45,000	2	2	15	65	64	...	4½
Sth. Sydney ...	40,000	10	10	7	37/6	37/	37/6	5½
Ditto New ...	14,000	1	1	7	21/	21/	...	6½
BREWERIES.								
Australian ...	48,000	10	10/	...	9/	...	...	1/9
C. and Wood Bros. ...	250,000	1	1	4	11/	10/	11/3	7½
Perkins' ...	100,000	15	15	1½	34/6	32/6	35/	7½
Tooheys** ...	650,000	1	1	4	13/6	10/	13/	6½
Tooth's ...	900,000	1	1	8	29/6	29/6	29/9	5½
MISCELN'S								
Aarons' ...	37,500	1½	10/	5	2/6	2/	2/6	20
Adpt. News ...	15,000	1	1	7½	7/6	7/6	...	6½
B.H.W. Sup. Burns ...	285,000	1	1	8	10/3	21/	...	7½
Philp ...	200,000	1	1	8	31/6	30/6	32/	5
New Issue ...	25,000	1	10	8	15/	14/6	...	5½
Brooks & Co. Ltd., pref. ...	...	...	...	...	...	19/	22/	...
Cal. Sugar ...	3,095,300	20	20	10	41½	41½	44½	4½
Dalgety and Co. ...	1,000,000	20	5	6	5/6	5½	...	...
Dunlop Pn. ...	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	20/6	...	7½
Emu. B. Rail. ...	...	...	...	...	...	1/3	2/6	2/6
Fell & Pros. Gravel ...	27,200	1	10/	7	7/6	6/	8/	15
Meth. Trans. ...	480,000	1	10½	12½	25/½	25/6	26/	4½
Mt. de Pass. ...	74,489	1	1	10	41/	41/	42/	5
Mort's Dock ...	200,000	1	1	6	...	12/6	...	...
Ditto, pref. ...	45,961	1	1	6	22/3	21/6	...	6½
J. Field, Ld. ...	191,730	1	10/	1	2/	2/	2/3	6½
Shale & Oil ...	80,000	1	...	...	2½	2½	...	...
New York Tel. ...	18,000	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perm. Trust. ...	25,000	5	2½	10	4/3	4/9	...	5½
Perp. Trust. ...	20,000	10	5/	10	19/	11/6	...	4½
Richardson & Wrench ...	60,000	1	1	8	12/6	12/	...	7½
Silv. Trans. ...	80,000	10	10	6	12½	12/9	22/	5½
Syd. Exchg. ...	30,000	10	10	6	12½	12/9	...	4½
Syd. Hyd. ...	75,000	1	10/	10	12/6	31/	32/6	6½
Tutto ...	87,500	1	10/	10	12/6	13/6	15/9	6½
Ditto Hyd. & G.E. ...	15,000	1	10/	15	16/6	16/3	...	6½
Vol. Laid Co. ...	...	...	...	...	...	1/9	...	...
Hall's Mach. Agency ...	12,000	1	10/	10	20/6	21/	...	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co. ...	120,000	1	1	10	35/	34/	36/	5½
LAND &c.								
Excels. Dep. ...	...	...	...	...	9/	...	...	...
Haymrkt. D. ...	...	...	...	...	19/	...	...	...
Ind. Prov. ...	45,328	20	...	...	20	...	20/	...
Jabez. Inv. ...	47,283	1	15/	10	20/6	21/	...	7½
Newc. B. & L. ...	...	...	...	6	19/	...	...	...
Syd. Free L. ...	17,500	7/6	7/	...	3/6	3/3	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. ‡ Call paid. ‡‡ Ex returned capital 1s.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

BRISBANE, Friday.

To-day's quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, b 2s 12½, s 5s 5d; Queensland National Bank, b 15s 2d, s 15s 4d; Savings Bank 5 per cent., s £88.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

To-day's sales were:—Metropolitan Gas, £10; Melbourne Tram, 20s.

FINANCIAL.

AUSTRALASIAN POPULATION.

Mr. Drake, the newly-appointed Victorian Statist, has compiled a return showing the population of each State of the Commonwealth and New Zealand at the end of last year, together with the movements during 1905, as follows:—

State or Colony.	Natural Increase.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.	Total Increase, 1905.	Population, December 31, 1905.
New South Wales	34,596	+9,925	44,517	1,491,795
Victoria	15,481	−7,164	8,297	1,218,971
Queensland	15,479	+3,730	19,209	528,156
S. Australia proper	5,071	+675	5,746	374,398
Do., Northern Territory	−7	−213	−220	3,810
Western Australia	4,800	+7,783	12,583	284,97.
Tasmania	3,413	−2,507	906	181,106
Australia	81,423	+6,771	88,194	4,025,371
New Zealand	15,618	+9,502	24,918	*893,487
Australia and N. Zealand	77,039	+16,073	93,112	4,958,027

*Exclusive of Maoris, who numbered 43,143 at the census of 1901. Full blooded aborigines are also excluded from the Australian return.

That Victoria should have lost 7164, Queensland 1730, and Tasmania 2507 by excess of departures over arrivals, is certainly an unsatisfactory feature of the return. New South Wales certainly gained 9925, and Western Australia 7785, probably largely at the expense of the neighbouring States, and from this point of view the gain is not satisfactory either. The gain in Australasia of 77,039 by excess of births over deaths is the brightest side of the picture, and, after all, this natural increase is the source of our most valuable citizens.

NEW TELEPHONE RATES.

Naturally, the new telephone rates, which are to be imposed on July 1 next, have been diligently discussed in commercial circles. Generally speaking, business men hardly see how the change will benefit them. Most indeed look for exactly contrary results. Certainly the firm which uses the telephone freely will suffer as against the system at present prevailing. The small man urges that it is only fair that the one that uses the telephones most should pay for the privilege. Even the small men, however, are wondering how they are going to keep their telephone bill down to the present point, for to do so they will indeed need to be abstemious. Private subscribers at present pay £5, and business houses £9 per annum. The following table has been compiled showing how the new system would work out in practice:—

Two calls per day, £6 per annum.
Three calls per day, £7 15s 11¼d.
Four calls per day, £7 9s 2d.
Five calls per day, £8 4s 4½d.
Six calls per day, £8 8s 7d.
Eight calls per day, £10 10s.
Ten calls per day, £12 0s 5d.
Fifteen calls per day, £15 19s 5½d.
Twenty calls per day, £19 15s 6d.

The minimum after July 1 will be £6 per annum for 750 calls or under, quite irrespective of whether the subscriber is a business house or a private person. The latter is thus certain to pay an extra £1 per annum, and may possibly be mulct of still more.

COST OF LIVING IN AUSTRALIA.

An interesting discussion has taken place in London upon the cost of living in Australia. A paragraph, quite possibly inspired by the Agent-General's Department, goes succinctly into the matter. In reply to the question of whether the cost of living in the Commonwealth is higher than in Great Britain, it may be stated that few countries approach Australia in the small proportion of income absorbed in providing food for its people—an assertion fully supported by statistical facts. According to Mulhall, the cost of living, per inhabitant, in the leading European countries, Canada, and the United States, ranges from £32 16s 2d in the latter country to £11 5s 6d in Portugal; the amount for the United Kingdom being £29 14s 9d, Canada £22 2s 2d, France £23 19s 4d, and Germany £20 3s 4d: while in the Commonwealth it is £42 19s 10d, or £10 3s 8d more than in the United States; but, at the same time, the money is more readily earned in Australia than in any of the countries mentioned. If the three Australasian-settled districts were omitted the amount would be considerably decreased, as the cost of transport would not be included. Again, taking Mulhall as an authority, it would appear that while the actual cost per head of food, solid and liquid, in Australia is £20 7s, as against £14 4s 9d in the United Kingdom, the earnings required to pay for the food are proportionately less than in many countries; thus, while in the United Kingdom it takes the earnings of 127 days to pay for the annual food supply per head; in France, 116 days, in Germany 146, and in Austria 152 days, in Italy 153 days, and in Portugal 177 days: in Australia 133 days suffice. In Canada and the United States the period is less, but there are circumstances which turn the scales in favour of the mother country of the Australasias. Of the total cost in 1903 of food and beverages, viz., £79,716,000, the expenditure on fresh meat was the largest item, being 25 per cent. of the whole; bread, 9.23 per cent.; milk, butter, and cheese, 15.18 per cent.; vegetables and fruits, 10.86 per cent.; sugar, 4.76 per cent.; coffee, cocoa, and tea, 20.51 per cent. and wines, beers, and other spirituous liquors, 17.83 per cent.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE RISKS.

The following communication has been received from Mr. H. E. Day from Capetown, under date February 5:—

I am glad to observe that Mr. Geo. Valder (Commercial Agent for New South Wales) and Mr. Chas. Kitson (Commercial Agent for Canada) have issued a timely warning in respect to a practice which appears to be especially prevalent among Canadian manufacturers and a few Australian firms doing or endeavouring to do business with South African merchants, viz., the consignment of shipping goods to this country on consignment. Messrs. Kitson and Valder are not using too strong language when they state that this method of doing business in most cases to absolute commercial suicide.

Undoubtedly they say there are some honest merchants in South Africa with whom such business would be quite safe.

They go no further than this, and express their conviction that the majority of South African merchants indulge in quotation without fear or to the result; but the probabilities are that trade of this class would naturally fall into the hands of the minority, who cannot be trusted, and would indeed lay traps to secure it, and profit thereby. Apart from this desideratum, the system is to be discouraged because it encourages the bear.

The various Australian private agents here have learned to rely on Mr. Valder's sound judgment in the interests of the firms they represent, so not many mistakes occur therefore where firms have special representation.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLE NEWS.

Though the Bank of England has strengthened its reserves during the week, according to our cable message, its liabilities in the shape of deposits, both on account of the Government and the public at large, have so increased that the proportion of reserve to liabilities has diminished from 44.67 to 43.13 per cent., against 52.51 per cent. a year ago. The drop on the open market rate of discount for best three months' bills to 3⅞ per cent., or ⅛ below the bank rate, indicates a somewhat easier market for loanable capital. Consols have improved ⅛, while New South Wales 3 per cent. is 1 and three and a half ½ higher than they were a week ago. Where other Australian securities have altered at all the movement has been of an upward character. Spot copper has not altered during the week, while lead is a shade higher, and spelter a shade lower. Bradford tops are all 2d higher. The wheat market is depressed at Mark Lane, and butter is practically unchanged.

BERRIMA DISTRICT FARM AND DAIRY COMPANY.

The half-yearly report of this company shows a credit at profit and loss account of £4772, inclusive of £3042 brought forward. A dividend of 10 per cent. per annum to shareholders absorbed £98, a bonus of 33 1-3 per cent. in total commissions received from suppliers for the 12 months was £3130, to reserve fund £500, leaving £1043 to be carried forward.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

LONDON, March 2.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

The Bank of England reserves in notes and gold are £27,448,000, as against £26,555,000 last week and £29,852,000 last year. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is 43.13, as against 44.67 last week and 52.51 last year. The circulation is £28,346,000, as against £27,908,000 last week and £27,962,000 last year.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes issued	£53,987,000
Government securities	£11,015,000
Other securities	7,484,000
Gold and silver coin	35,488,000
	£53,987,000

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' capital	£14,553,000
Public deposits	18,086,000
Other deposits	45,449,000
Rest, seven day, and other bills	3,771,000
	£81,860,000
Government securities	£16,389,000
Other securities	38,082,000
Notes	25,671,000
Gold and silver coin	1,777,000
	£81,860,000

MONEY MARKET.

The Bank of England rate of interest is quoted at 4 per cent., to which rate it was increased from 3 per cent. on September 28. The market rate of discount on three months' bills is 5-16 lower, at 3⅞ per cent.

CONSOLS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Current quotations for Consols and Australian Government stocks, compared with those of last week and the corresponding week of last year, are:—

	A year ago.	Last week.	To-day.	Rise.	Fall.
2½ per cent. Consols	91	90½	90⅝	⅛	...
N.S.W. 4's, 1932, Jan.-July	103	103	103	Unch.	...
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1918, Mar.-Sept.	99½	99½	100	½	...
N.S.W. 3's, 1955, April-Oct.	84	84	84	Unch.	...
Vict. 4's, 1920, Jan.-July	104	104	104	Unch.	...
Vict. 3½'s, 1921-9, Jan.-July	99½	100½	100½	Unch.	...
Vict. 3's 1929-45, Jan.-July	89	89	89	Unch.	...
S.A. 3½'s, 1939, June-Dec.	98½	100½	100½	Unch.	...
S.A. 3's, 1916, Jan.-July	90½	87½	88	½	...
Q'land 4's, 1918-24, Jan.-July	107	107	107	Unch.	...
Q'land, 3½'s, 1924-50, Jan.-July	98½	100½	101	½	...
Q'land 3's, 1923-47, Jan.-July	84½	87½	88	½	...
N.Z. 4's, 1929, May-Nov.	105	104	104	Unch.	...
N.Z. 3½'s, 1940, Jan.-July	99½	101½	102	½	...
T. 3½'s, 1908, April-Oct.	98	99	99	½	...
Tas. 3½'s, 1920-40, Jan.-July	100	100	100	Unch.	...
Tas. 3's, 1930-43, Jan.-July	89½	89	89	Unch.	...
W.A. 3½'s, 1916-36, May-Nov.	100	99	99	...	½
W.A. 3's, 1916-36, May-Nov.	88	88	88½	½	...

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Of those London banks whose balance-sheets are already to hand, the dividends declared for 1906 range from 11 to 20 per cent. Five of these banks paid 18 per cent. or over.

Compared with shareholders in Australian banks, those of London institutions do much better. Here, however, there is a necessity for the banks holding a much larger reserve of gold, which is not conducive to large profits.

Though no immediate easing of rates was looked for when last mail left London, it was generally anticipated that tendency would be downward before many months were out.

Mr. Felix Schuster says that the amount of British capital being invested abroad appears to be largely on the increase.

"The Review" for February, which has just come to hand, reprints Mr. A. Del Mar's paper on "The Future of the Rate of Interest" from the New York "Bankers' Magazine," as well as dealing with other matters of interest.

COMMERCIAL.

A firmness in tinned fish and other goods was a marked feature of the Sydney import market yesterday, and some lines of evaporated fruit were not obtainable. In metals the chief business done was in fencing wire and wire netting. All jute goods were very dull, little business being done. A good trade was done in teas. Some parcels of country flour were disposed of. Wheat and flour were unchanged, and in view of the state of the home markets no improvement can be expected to take place in the local markets at an early date.

CHINESE BOYCOTT OF AMERICAN GOODS.

Trade between Australia and the East, especially China and Japan, has grown considerably. It is interesting to learn how much of the expansion is due to ordinary conditions, and whether the boycott of American goods by China has influenced the growth. The "Times" states that the boycott originated in Shanghai, and was as keenly prosecuted there as in Canton, the home of most of the actual emigrants to the United States. It spread thence to all parts of the Empire except Tientsin, where the Viceroy would have none of it. The mediaeval country has learned, partially at least, to recognise the modern truth that all nations are one in matters of trade, and that what injures one cannot benefit another. The lesson was driven home by the fact that the Chinese merchants had contracted for many months ahead for the products of the American mills, and were forced to meet their obligations if their financial standing was to be maintained, the result being that they and the banks supporting them found themselves loaded with stocks for which the consuming markets had been seriously restricted. For in the meantime the agitation had been taken up by the Young China party, the vernacular press, and the thousands of students who had passed through the schools of the various nations, English or American, and especially by those who had acquired by a residence of a year or two in Japan that superficial knowledge which is so dangerous. From them it spread to the people at large, always ready to be inflamed by what, from their point of view, must be called an anti-foreign feeling. The commercial result of this extension of the boycott was a serious diminution in the actual consumption of American products, which, in importers' wholesale lots, went on piling up in the warehouses of Shanghai and constituting a heavy burden on the financial resources of the native banks. These banks, already overburdened with the task of financing the indemnity payments, are in troubled waters, and it is feared that the year-end settlement, imperatively demanded of Chinese trade, will be a bad one.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, March 1.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 6 7-16d per ounce standard, a fall of 3-16d since yesterday.

WHEAT MARKETS DULL.

LONDON, March 2.

The wheat markets are apathetic, owing to the large quantity on passage and the unprofitable state of the flour trade causing buyers to hold off. Continental markets are dull. The American markets are weak, owing to favourable crop reports. Cargoes are slow. Victorian and New South Wales cargoes afloat are being offered at 30s 6d to 31s per 480lb, c.i.f. Australian wheat on spot is held for 34s 6d per 480lb.

FLOUR AND FREIGHTS.

The flour trade is quiet. Flour to arrive this month is being offered at 22s 6d to 22s 9d per sack, ex ship. Wheat freights are quiet and unchanged.

BUTTER UNCHANGED.

The butter market is dull and unchanged. Supplies are chiefly of secondary quality, which are difficult to move off. Danish is firmer, and quotations are unchanged. Many complaints have been made of the poor quality of the consignment received by the Ormus, especially of lots from Sydney, Queensland, and Adelaide, owing to the heat prior to shipment.

CHEESE FIRM.

Cheese is firm. New Zealand shipments are bringing 62s to 63s per cwt.

SUGAR STEADY.

Sugar is steady. Eighty-eight per cent. German beet is higher on the week at 8s 4d, f.o.b. Hamburg and granulated 2d higher at 10s 4d per cwt.

BRADFORD TOPS.

Bradford tops were brisk. There was a large turnover, especially in merinos and fine crossbreds. Quotations are:—Super 60's, 1d higher at 24½d; common 60's, 1d higher at 23½d; 46's, 1d higher at 18½d, and 40's, 1d higher at 16½d.

METALS.

Copper, on spot, b £79. s £79 5s; three months, b £77 7s 6d, s £77 12s 6d per ton.

Pig iron, £2 3s 11d per ton; lead, soft foreign is £16 2s 6d per ton; spelter, £25 5s to £25 10s.

TIN STATISTICS.

	A Year Ago. Tons.	A Month Ago. Tons.	Feb. 28, 1906. Tons.
Stock	15,048	15,115	16,170
Deliveries	2,167	?	2,003
Afloat	3,028	4,100	4,117
Spot and landing	3,300	2,033	2,137

TALLOW STATISTICS.

	Casks.	Casks.	Casks.
Stock	8,018	6,924	7,092
Imports	3,613	5,718	2,616
Deliveries	3,183	4,698	2,000

BREADSTUFFS.

There was no change in the Sydney wheat market yesterday, and rates remain at 3s 1d and 3s 1½d Darling Harbour. A moderate amount of business was done in flour, and some country makes were sold, one purchase being for export. Leading Sydney brands of flour were quoted at £7 10s, and country makes from £7 to £7 5s.

A considerable reduction will now be made in the stores of wheat at Darling Island. The steamer Bia is loading for Messrs. Dalgety and Co. The Dowan Hill will load a cargo for Messrs. James Bell and Co., the Yallarol for Messrs. Robert Little and Co., and the Polymnia for Messrs. John Darling and Son, and there will be a vessel for Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur. It is estimated that these five vessels will take about 170,000 bags.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 602 tons of wheat and 93 tons of flour were manifested to arrive by rail.

The wheat loaded at country railway stations last week amounted to 92,043 bags. During the last 12 weeks the wheat loaded inland totalled 1,904,252 bags. Last week's figures compare with those of the preceding weeks as follow:—

	Feb. 24. Bags.	Feb. 10. Bags.	Feb. 17. Bags.	Feb. 24. Bags.
Southern	114,038	130,201	107,522	57,589
Western	91,260	83,640	64,502	25,250
Northern	92,104	10,961	8,110	5,004
Total	297,411	224,792	180,134	92,043

The cables received yesterday evening state that the home markets are still dull. There does not at present seem any likelihood of any early improvement.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Stocks in Bond.—The stocks of merchandise, other than wines, spirits, and narcotics, and sugar in bond on March 2, also on the corresponding date last year, and movements in the week are:—

	Imported.	Duty paid.	Exported.	In Bond, this week.	In Bond, year ago.	In Bond, March 2.
Hops, lb	4,198	749	—	18,227	64,446	
Candles, box	500	353	—	441	644	
Milk, cs	—	50	44	519	483	
Rice, shs	7,840	—	67	11,983	24,963	
Rice, bgs	6,636	2,440	530	26,346	15,000	
Vinegar, casks	—	—	—	209	194	
Vinegar, cs	—	280	1	2,198	1,504	
Glucose, pcs	—	—	—	941	920	
Glucose, cks	—	16	—	220	219	
Glucose, cs	—	40	—	201	211	
Salt, shs	—	—	110	58,436	46,883	
Salt, bgs	—	—	10	15,650	30,394	
Rock salt, tns	—	—	—	85	4	
Cement, casks	1,581	22	—	8,098	10,335	
Currants, lb	3,000	92,035	270	157,409	419,496	
Raisins, lb	2,244	12,088	—	135,800	171,412	
Dates, lb	—	5,107	60	464,200	76,012	
Other Fruits, lb	5,792	923	—	15,760	32,200	
Coffee, lb	1,600	7,217	210	322,068	148,826	

Sugar.—Prices are unchanged. The week's business was of ordinary dimensions. The Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., quote:—No. 1B (brewers' crystals), 4s 2d per ton; 1X (confectioners' crystals), 4s 2½d per ton; 1A (direct for table use), 4s 3d per ton; 1W, 4s 3½d per ton; No. 2 (IC or pieces), 4s 1½d per ton; No. 3, 4s 1d per ton; 4s 0½d per cwt. in 50lb bags. A year ago the price of IC sugar was 4s 3d.

The Miliaptiah and Yengaria Sugar Company quotes:—1A, 4s 3d; No. 1, 4s 2½d; A/s, soft, 4s 2d; B/s, soft 4s 1d.

Bonded stocks of sugar have been:—

	Imp. Duty paid. Tons.	Expd. In Bond. Tons.	Tons.
Feb. 9	1475	1186	356 ... 27,005
Feb 16	994	950	382 ... 26,633
Feb. 23	689	915	376 ... 26,372
March 2	327	808	360 ... 25,936

A year ago the sugar in bond was 30,991 tons.

The price of German 88 per cent. beet sugar, f.a.b., Hamburg, and for the first marks German granulated, as cabled from London, compares with the prices ruling in earlier years as follows:—

	88 per cent. beet. Per cwt.	First marks granulated. Per cwt.
March 2, 1906	8 5	9 7
March 1, 1904	8 1	10 3
March 2, 1903	15 3	16 11
March 3, 1902	8 4	10 4

Yesterday's prices show a rise of 2d in 88 per cent. beet and granulated.

Teas.—500 packages Ceylons were sold at 7d to 8½d; 80 packages Indian, Assam, .t 8½d; 100 packages Indians and Ceylons, at 7½d to 9d.

Messrs. Fraser, Ulther, and Co. held an auction yesterday for the importers, Messrs. Thompson, Fraser, Ramsay Proprietary, Limited, of 673 packages of Ceylon teas. Prices were:—Broken orange pekoes, 6d to 10d lb, 4½d to 10½d; pekoe souchongs, 4½d to 5d; pekoes, 4½d to 6½d; fannings, 7½d. There was a good attendance of the trade, and biddings were fairly active. The same firm will hold an auction at their mart, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, under instructions from the importers, Messrs. Thompson, Fraser, Rams

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The card of the Newmarket Handicap was read by the chairman (Mr. James Clarke), at City Tattersall's Club last night, when the following business was done:—50 to 10 v Lachlan, 150 to 15 v Duke of Melton, 100 to 4 v Machine Gun, 100 to 3½ v Mairp, 200 to 8 v Condor, 150 to 6 v North Head, 100 to 5 v Medallist, 100 to 1½ v Decollete, 200 to 10 v Posco, 200 to 8 v Lucians, 200 to 3 v English Rose, and 100 to 4 v Palindrome.

Owners and trainers should note that entries for the meeting to be held at Warwick Farm on the 17th instant, close at 4 p.m. on Monday next. Particulars are advertised.

In our business columns, Messrs. W. Inglis and Son notify that owing to the large number of yearlings that have been entrusted to them for disposal at the annual sales at Easter, they have found it necessary to make two sale days, on Tuesday, 17th, and Friday, 20th April. The sale of untried stock, racehorses in training, and Mr. J. R. Smith's brood mares, will be held on April 23.

The following scratchings have been recorded for to-day's meeting at Rosehill:—Hurdle Race: Sandboy. Granville Stakes: Brawley. March Stakes: Maniapoto, Rydalmere Mile: Metaphor.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. have sold the brown mare Luminous to a Fiji sportsman, and she will be shipped away shortly to that country.

The programme to be decided at the New South Wales Trotting Club's meeting on the 13th instant is published in our business columns. Entries close at 5 p.m. on Monday.

The times at which the various events will be started at Flemington to-day are as follow:—Hopeful Stakes, 1 p.m.; St. Leger Stakes, 1.40; Newmarket Handicap, 2.45; Sires' Produce Stakes, 3.30; Essendon Stakes, 4.15; Brunswick Stakes, 5.0.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

ANTICIPATIONS BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The V.R.C. autumn reunion opens at Flemington to-morrow, with every prospect of being successful, and the varied and interesting bill of fare promises to attract a large gathering. Already quite a number of interstate visitors have arrived, New South Wales and South Australia being well represented, while sportsmen from the country districts of Victoria are well in evidence. An agreeable change has taken place in the weather conditions since yesterday, which was dull and sultry, and though in the meantime there may be a shower or two, a cool atmosphere may be anticipated, while the tracks would be benefited by a light rainfall.

The sport opens at 1 p.m. with the Hopeful Stakes, a race restricted to two-year-olds that have not won over 50 sovs of public money in any one race, and a large field may be expected at the post. The race wears a very open appearance, and those that seem to have the best chance are Baeraml, Merrigong, Ellis, Pallas, and Contort; while Contort, Pallas, and Ellis may claim the judge's attention in the order named. Public form points to an easy victory for Lady Wallace in the St. Leger Stakes, and the well-performed daughter of Wallace may be escorted past the post by Circuit and Charles Stuart. With nine acceptors for the Sires' Produce Stakes, an interesting contest may be anticipated. The parent State is represented by Antonious and Barrenjoey, the former of whom has already given racegoers a taste of his quality by winning the A.J.C. December Stakes at Randwick, and also annexed the Nursery Handicap at the same meeting. The best of the Victorian division appear to be Iolaire, Benbow, and Tom Moore, while South Australia is represented by True Scot, a speedy son of Wallace. The battle should be fought out among Iolaire, Antonious, Tom Moore, and True Scot, and the numbers may be taken as Antonious, Iolaire, and True Scot as written.

So far there have been no defections from the 23 acceptors for the Newmarket Handicap, the list of whom is headed by the ex-New Zealander, Machine Gun, who has been deputed to carry the compliment of a burden of 11st 3lb, but, great horse though he be, that steadying burden should find him out ere the end of the smartly-run six furlongs, and as he is meeting Gladsome on 25lb worse terms than in the Futurity, the mare should have no difficulty in again beating him. Gladsome's weight has not yet been carried to victory in the Newmarket Handicap; nevertheless, such a brilliant performer must be one of the hardest to beat at the end of the journey. The speedy Pendant meets Gladsome on 11lb worse terms than in the Futurity, and even though the former will be better served by the length of the journey, the difference in the weights greatly favours Gladsome's prospects. On this occasion, however, the New Zealander will not have the services of that capable rider of Godby, who will pilot Step Out. This horse ran fourth last year, and promises to give a good account of himself to-morrow. Sylvanite has been showing excellent form on the track, and must have a good look in; and old Mairp, who won a couple of years ago with 5lb less than his present impost, is still bright and hearty. Dandalla should run well, but Condor is not attractive, nor is North Head, while the recent lameness of Istria does not favour her chances. Medallist must be trusted to run a great race under the handy impost of 7st 13lb. The South Australian representatives, Phaedra and Cold Steel, are not encouraging for investment, but Duke of Melton, who escorted Gladsome past the post in the Futurity Stakes, must be given a good show, and Lachlan, who finished next to the placed horses on that occasion, and who in the meantime has put up a most attractive gallop on the track, must have a great say in the settlement of the important question. The form shown by Palindrome in the Hawkesburn Handicap invests the daughter of Pilgrim's Progress with a good outside chance. Achilles' full sister, Dora Grey, has no public form in her favour, but Little Toy, who gave a taste of his quality at Moonee Ponds during the week, may be trusted to run well. Taken by and large, the race seems very open, and the finish promises to be fought out among Gladsome, Sylvanite, Pendant, Medallist, Lachlan, Duke of Melton, and Palindrome, and with such a handy impost as 7st 7lb Lachlan may be escorted past the post by Gladsome and Pendant, unless separated by Medallist.

A small field is foreshadowed for the Essendon Stakes, and Tartan should win from Scot Free. The afternoon's sport winds up with the Brunswick Stakes, the issue for which may be fought out among Bright Beauty, Shipmate, Vibrate, and Elysium, and the numbers may go up for Shipmate, Vibrate, and Bright Beauty.

Following is the programme:—

HOPEFUL STAKES.—5f.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Boorsa	7 10	Lion	7 10
Portland Bob	7 10	Merry Monarch	7 7
Strome	7 10	Golden Cup	7 7
Jack Smith	7 10	Lincoln Belle	7 7
Taunton	7 10	Honeymoon	7 7
Benbow	7 10	Tritrina	7 7
Kopana	7 10	Pallas	7 7
Barrenjoey	7 10	Noella	7 7
Drumble	7 10	Katanga	7 7
The Shantee Man	7 10	Chic	7 7
Merrigong	7 10	Carlion	7 7
Gapon	7 10	Bobbinet	7 7
Ellis	7 10	Laughing Water	7 7
Lexington	7 10	Fyldhet	7 7
Stanley	7 10	Corsm	7 7
Pumie	7 10	Contort	7 7

ST. LEGER.—1¼m.

Charles Stuart	8 10	Kalfirpan	8 10
Circuit	8 10	Lady Wallace	7 7

NEWMARKET HANDICAP.—6f.

Machine Gun	11 3	Phaedra	7 8
Gladsome	9 11	Posco	7 8
Sylvanite	9 11	Lucasa	7 8
Pendant	9 7	Duke of Melton	7 7
Step Out	9 0	English Rose	7 1
Mairp	8 11	Pompous	7 0
Dandalla	8 9	Lachlan	6 13
Condor	8 8	Palindrome	6 13
North Head	8 3	Cold Steel	6 12
Istria	8 1	Dora Grey	6 12
Medallist	7 13	Little Toy	6 9
Decollete	7 10		

SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES.—6f.

Iolaire	8 10	Sergeant Bruce	8 10
True Scot	8 10	Antonious	8 10
The Shantee Man	8 10	Barrenjoey	8 10
Benbow	8 10	Haut Gout	8 7
Tom Moore	8 10		

ESSENDON STAKES.—1¼m.

Blue Spec	9 3	Gladsome	9 0
Tartan	9 3	Elysium	7 13
Proceedor	9 0	The Wrestla	7 13
Scot Free	9 0		

BRUNSWICK STAKES.—1¼m.

The Palmist	9 5	Royrcott	7 4
Bright Beauty	8 7	Charmant	7 3
Kruisfontein	8 5	Siesta	7 3
Tungun	8 2	Oporto	7 1
Shipmate	8 1	Quibble	6 13
Circuit	8 1	Pantqua	6 12
Newsheet	8 0	Mezzo	6 9
Aurate	8 0	La Siesta	6 9
Kalfirpan	7 12	The Merry Sailor	6 7
Distraction	7 10	Silvio	6 7
Vibrate	7 10	Mostynia	6 7
Maninga	7 9	Westbury	6 7
Elysium	7 9		

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Work at Caulfield and Flemington was this morning restricted to sprinting. Posco was sent for half a mile on the tan, and accomplished for the trip in 50½s, while over the same distance Dora Grey was a quarter of a second less. Lady Wallace, who moved with great freedom, slipped over 5 furlongs in 1m 3½s, and Tartan wound up some solid work with six furlongs in 1m 19s.

At Caulfield, Pendant was not extended to run past half a mile in 53½s. Step stable mate, Istria, cantered once round, while Medallist, Lachlan, and Palindrome took trotting exercise.

Following are the latest scratchings for the V.R.C. meeting:—Hopeful Stakes: Knox, Sergeant Brue, Scotch Mist, Galeria. Autumn Hurdles: My Mistake, Skene, Marmont. March Steeplechase: Earl of Castles. Ascot Vale Stakes: Richworth colt. All engagements: Gwennlee.

The complaint lodged by A. E. Cornwell against E. Turner for foul riding at Epsom on the 14th inst. was heard to-day by the V.R.C. committee, and dismissed.

It is understood that the V.R.C. committee has decide dto offer the position of stipendiary stewards to Messrs. A. Yowles and Norman Wilson, but it is doubtful if the latter will accept, as he would have to resign the judgeship at Caulfield.

THE BETTING MARKET.

EXTENSIVE WAGERING.

There was a large muster of members at the Victorian clubrooms this evening to assist at the reading of the card for the Newmarket Handicap. Wagering was brisk, and a large volume of business was transacted. Machine Gun was backed to win £2200 at 100 to 3. About £5000 was pooled about Gladsome at 10 to 1, but there was no response, and nearly £4000 was subscribed for Sylvanite at 100 to 5 without leading to business. After 100 to 14 had been booked about Pendant, wagers amounting to £2000 were accepted at 8 to 1, with 7½ to 1 on offer. Step Out was supported to win £3500 at 100 to 4, and at 100 to 3 Mairp was backed to win nearly £3000. Dandalla was friendless at 100 to 4, backers wanting 100 to 3; and 1000 to 40 was booked about Condor, with a couple of thousand more on offer at the same price. A wager of 200 to 6 was taken about North Head, but Istria was friendless at 100 to 3. Medallist came in for stanch support, £1000 being accepted at 100 to 5, and a similar amount at 100 to 5½, after which £1600 went down at 100 to 6, and £800 at 100 to 6½. Wagers of 1500 to 15 and 2000 to 30 were written against Decollete, and bets of 700 to 14 to 500 to 8½ were booked about Phaedra. Posco was backed to win £2000 at 100 to 3, and £2300 at 100 to 4, and at the latter price Luciana was supported to win £1000. Duke of Melton had friends who, at 100 to 9, backed him to secure £2000 in one hand, and £3500 to 140 was taken about Palindrome, followed by a similar amount at 100 to 5, after which wagers of 500 to 27½, 500 to 30, and 400 to 22 were written against the daughter of Pilgrim's Progress. A wager of 1000 to 10 was booked about English Rose and Pompous had supporters who accepted 400 to 36 and 700 to 56. Lachlan was backed to win £1400 at 5½ to 1, with 5 to 1 on offer at the close. A wager of 600 to 12 was written against Cold Steel, and 500 to 7½ against Dora Grey, while bets of 1000 to 20 and 1000 to 35 were registered about Little Toy. The following are the prices on offer:—5 to 1 v Lachlan, 7½ to 1 v Pendant, 100 to 10 each v Gladsome and Duke of Melton, 100 to 8 Pompous, 100 to 7 Medallist, 100 to 6 Palindrome, 100 to 5 each v Step Out, Sylvanite, Posco, and Luciana, 100 to 4 each v Little Toy, Condor, Dandalla, and North Head, 100 to 3½ v Machine Gun, 100 to 3 each v Mairp and Istria, 100 to 2 v Phaedra, Cold Steel, and Dora Grey, 100 to 1½ v Decollete, 100 to 1 v English Rose.

After the reading of the card for the Newmarket Handicap business was rather quiet today. There was a further demand for Lachlan for the sprint race, and what little money was available at 6 to 1 was taken, after which he hardened to 5 to 1, yesterday morning. Mr. Hunt, the Acting Government Meteorologist, says:—"Copious rains were again recorded throughout the State, excepting only the trans-Darling country and the county of Cumberland. These successive heavy rains will be the means of destroying vast numbers of rabbits on the plains. The falls were heavy in various parts, but perhaps the most valuable were those registered all over the Hunter River districts, and about Quirindi, Werris Creek, and Tamworth—parts of the State that have passed through a very dry and trying period.

"In that part of the Western Division east of the Darling, the principal falls were 101 and 70 points at Byrock and Gongolgon. On the north-western plains the majority of the totals were good, Collarendabri had 170 points, Millie 147, and Moree 137. Over the central western plains the Bogan country was subjected to further heavy falls, while the records in all other parts were uniformly substantial. Nyngan again headed the list with 265 points, Girilambone following with 186 points, Warren with 155, and Camden with 135.

"The totals in Riverina were somewhat patchy, the falls varying from a few points to over one inch and a half. At Eusbalong the record was 155 points, at Lake Cudgellico 108, and at Deniliquin 96 points. The whole of the south-western slope country was well favoured, for 234 points fell at Adelong, 141 at Murrumburrah, 111 at Marsdens, and 100 at Tumbarumba. In the central western slopes the best falls were 75 points at Gilgandra, 57 at Coonabarabran, and 50 points at Dubbo.'

The north-western slopes country was the best favoured area. Quirindi had 316 points, Werris Creek 315, Bingara 289, Bendemeer 263, and Manilla 205. On the northern tablelands, 197 points were registered at Bundarra, 165 at Walcha, 116 at Uralla, and 107 at Armidale. On the north coast the only heavy fall was that of 483 at Tweed Heads. In the Hunter district the totals generally ranged from 90 to 180 points. Along the south coast and south tablelands the amounts were mostly moderate, the exceptions being falls of 227 points at Kiandra, 117 at Gabo, and 100 at Cape St. George and Bega.

Last night the only additional registrations were Armidale 23 points, and Coonabarabran 10 points.

It is somewhat remarkable in view of the heavy general rains of the week that the quantity registered at Sydney was considerably below the average. While Tweed Heads received 483 points in the week the total amount measured in the city was only 32 points. Referring to the scarcity of rain in Sydney, Mr. H. A. Hunt observed last night:—"Excepting February, 1902, when the rainfall was 0.344, last month's total of 0.381 is the lowest on record for any February."

The monsoonal energy, Mr. Hunt says, is broken for the time being. A small centre remains to the north of Queensland, which will probably result in strong winds and more heavy rains there. A second depression exists to the east of Tasmania, but it is being rapidly forced away from the mainland by an advancing high pressure system, which is expected to bring up cool southerly winds generally, with fine weather, with the exception of thunder showers and squalls on parts of the coast.

The following is a complete list of the rainfall registrations for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

	Pts.		Pts.
Adelong	234	Jinee	90
Albury	82	Jerilderie	70
Armidale	102	Kiama	40
Balgledoi	177	Katoomba	72
Arallen	22	Kempsey	21
Balranald	22	Kiandra	91
Barmedman	47	Lismore	60
Bathurst	1	Lawson	6
Bega	100	Louth	16
Bingara	289	Millie	205
Bulla	1	Merriwa	31
Bombala	15	Merrigal	26
Byron Bay	64	Mollie	147
Braidwood	56	Moulamein	75
Brewarrina	20	Mullumbimby	87
Barrabs	180	Maitland	70
Bateman's Bay	33	Manning Heads	42
Bendemeer	263	Marsdens	111
Blackheath	1	Mogil	61
Blackville	21	Morangarell	72
Bligh	5	Moree	137
Boggabilla	9	Moruya Heads	10
Boggabri	77	Mount Victoria	2
Bundella	113	Mungindi	72
Bungendore	36	Murrumburrah	141
Burrowa	6	Murrurundi	111
Byrock	101	Muswellbrook	152
Bunbarra	187	Nambucca	11
Camden Haven	16	Newra	80
Cape St. George	100	Nowra	90
Carcoar	15	Narromine	40
Carinda	131	Nundle	104
Casino	12	Nyngan	265
Camille	10	Nyrraleri	14
Clarence	9	Narrandera	24
Cobar	25	Newcastle	104
Collarendabri	170	Nimitybelle	15
Condobolin	55	Nymagee	35
Coolah	8	Orange	1
Coolamon	11	Parkes	40
Cooma	54	Port Macquarie	31
Coonabarabran	57	Pambula	27
Coonamble	68	Parkes	40
Cootamundra	20	Pine Ridge	158
Corowa	39	Port Stephens	68
Cudgellico	108	Quanbeyan	47
Cunnamulla	66	Quirindi	316
Carruthool	9	Raymond Terrace	100
Coargo	63	Seal Rocks	40
Corowa	89	Scone	91
Dubbo	18	Singleton	145
Delegate	59	Tamber	71
Deniliquin	90	Tabulam	4
Eden	56	Tamworth	125
Eden	66	Taree	46
Eusbalong	155	Tenterfield	2
Emmaville	6	Tumbarumba	100
Forbes	17	Taralga	8
Gosford Island	117	Tarcutta	58
Germanton	35	Tilpa	1
Glen Innes	23	Tocumwal	48
Goulburn	3	Tumbarumba	100
Grafton	12	Tumut	53
Grenfell	49	Uralla	116
Gulgong	12	Ungarie	26
Gunnedah	40	Wallis Plains	54
Derrigo	53	Urana	5
Gilgandra	75	Walcha	165
Girilambone	106	Walgett	89
Gongolgon	70	Warialda	117
Goodooga	6	Wellington	84
Green Cape	67	Wyalong	22
Gundagai	10	Warren	155
Gunning	85	Wee Waa	96
Hill End	8	Werris Creek	315
Hillston	19	Wollongong	49
Ivanhoe	8	Yass	125
Inverell	105	Yetman	27
Jerry's Plains	96	Young	30

THE WEEK'S BOUNTIFUL RAINS.

QUEENSLAND
NEW SOUTH WALES
VICTORIA
TASMAN
S. AUSTRALIA
TWEED HDS.
MULLUMBIMBY
BYRON
BALLINA
LISMORE
CLARENCE R.
GRAFTON
WOOLGOOLGA
BELLINGER R.
NAMBUCCA R.
MACLEAY R.
PT MACQUARIE
CAMDEN HAVEN
MANNING R.
C. HAWKE
SEAL ROCKS
PORT STEPHENS
NEWCASTLE
CATHERINE HILL BAY
SYDNEY
PARRAMATTA R.
WOLLONGONG
KIAMA
CROOKHAVEN
JERVIS BAY
ULLADULLA
BATEMAN'S BAY
MORUYA
BODALLA
BEGA
PAMBULA
EDEN
GREEN CAPE
GABO ISLAND
DELEGATE
BOMBALA
NIMITYBELLE
CANDELO
COOMA
ADAMINABY
KIANDRA
TUMBARUMBA
TUMUT
GUNDAGAI
JUNEE
YASS
HARDEN
YOUNG
MURRUMBURRAH
COOTAMUNDRA
GUNNING
GOULBURN
MOSSVALE
BOORowa
NARRANDERA
GUNDAGAI
COOLAMON
WAGGA
TARCUTTA
URANA
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JERILDERIE
DENILIQUIN
TOCUMWAL
MOAMA
COROWA
HOWLONG
ALBURY
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TEMORA
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CARGELLIGO
EUABALONG
MT. HOPE
IVANHOE
MOSSGIEL
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ROCKLEY
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BARRANJOEY
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BATHURST
MT. VICTORIA
L. MACQUARIE
MAITLAND
HILL END
CONDOBOLIN
FORBES
PARKES
MOLONG
WELLINGTON
DUBBO
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MUDGEE
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JERRY PLAINS
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CASSILIS
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MAJOR HAWKER INQUIRY

EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE.

THIRD DAY.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The board appointed to investigate the charges made by Mr. Crouch against Major Hawker continued its sitting at Queenscliff Barracks to-day.

Captain Bruche, D.A.A.G., and Colonel Le Messurier, Chief of Ordnance, were present.

Mr. Crouch was not in attendance.

Mr. Thomas Joseph Webb, recalled, said, in reply to Mr. Maddock (representing Major Hawker), that he wrote a letter to Mr. Crouch last year, stating that he had asked to be paraded before the Minister for Defence, but that Major Hawker and Captain Christian, with a little bluff, persuaded him to withdraw the request. Witness admitted he wrote that letter.

Mr. Maddock read a report from Captain Christian, stating that the letter was without foundation.

Witness said he still adhered to his statements.

Sergeant-major Parry said he was present when ex-Gunner Webb asked Major Hawker for his punishment to be modified. Major Hawker refused to restore the privilege of living out of barracks, explaining that withdrawal was not punishment under the regulations, as the men stationed at South Channel did not enjoy this privilege.

The President: Was the reference to South Channel made by Major Hawker as a threat?—No.

Regimental-sergeant-major Morris said he remembered ex-Gunner Webb asking Major Hawker for permission to see the Minister. Major Hawker read the regulation, and explained that there was no necessity for Webb to see the Minister. Webb said he was quite satisfied, and withdrew his application.

Major Hawker, examined by Mr. Maxwell, said that on the 14th April, when he came into barracks with Colonel Le Messurier, Webb, on being asked why he did not salute, turned round and looked at witness and Colonel Le Messurier, and said, in a rather insolent manner, "I did not see you."

Mr. Maxwell: Did he not even say "Sir?"—No.

Did you not reprimand him then and there?—No, it it not usual to talk to a gunner unless he is brought before you.

Was his failure to use respectful language deliberate?—I should say so.

Further examined, Major Hawker said he did not improperly refuse to forward Webb's application for leave to apply to the Minister, or he did not know of any such application having been made.

Mr. Betheras (member of the board): Is not the commanding officer required to comment on all the papers sent through his hands?—I am supposed to advise the commandant on what I think best for my command.

Mr. Maxwell: You wrote, "I hope, therefore, that the commandant will refuse to see him, as I do not like to be allowed to question the authority of the commanding officer in matters of this sort it will do away with all discipline"—I was simply giving my opinion. This man's appeal went on. I simply gave my opinion on it.

Senator Styles: This was a dispute between you and this man. As a layman, it seems to be a matter for your superior officer to decide, as you were concerned in it yourself.

Witness: The commandant was given an opportunity of deciding it. I simply gave my opinion.

Senator Styles: Yes, but there is a distinction in the case of an officer whose own decision is being appealed from?—Yes, but he is appealing against punishment, which I have a right to remove at any time.

Mr. Maxwell: Tell us about the case of Sergeant Carr, in connection with the charge of improperly threatening men in the course of their duty?—Sergeant Carr's wife complained to me that she was not getting sufficient money to keep a house on. I arranged this matter. It is necessary for the good fame and discipline of the force that troubles of this kind should not be allowed to go on.

To Mr. Maddock: Witness had not inflicted unusual or excessive punishment on Webb for not saluting, nor had he deprived Webb of a job that would have meant extra pay. The position of assistant lineaman in question had never been created.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

THIRD DAY.

The ministerial conference continued its sessions yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, when the President (the Rev. J. G. Morris Taylor) presided.

Proceeding to the business of the day, the conference resolved to communicate with the Queensland Conference relative to the return to circuit work of the Rev. Ambrose Fletcher, a returned missionary. If the Queensland conference were unable to find a circuit for him New South Wales conference would be willing to receive him. The conference also decided to receive the Rev. A. Hutchison from the Queensland conference without an exchange. The Rev. W. Clarke, who had been unwell, was cordially welcomed on his appearance in the conference.

Dealing with the question of ministers becoming supernumeraries, the conference adopted the recommendations of the district synod that the Revs. Joseph Spence, M. H. Parkinson, W. H. Pincombe, M. Maddern, W. Weston, and J. Winspear be made supernumeraries, several members of the conference speaking in the highest terms of praise of their work and character. The Revs. R. Laverty, W. H. Jones, and A. S. Swift were placed on the supernumerary list for one year at their own request. The Rev. Dr. Moulton the well-known Tongan missionary, preferred a request to be made a supernumerary, after 46 years' work in the ministry. The Rev. E. H. Crosby, D.D., proposed, and the Rev. Dr. Brown seconded, a resolution that the request be granted. The Revs. W. W. Clarke, Dr. Sellors, E. J. Rodd, A. J. Small, and others bore testimony to the remarkable work done by Dr. Moulton in Tonga and the mission field. The request was granted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The representative session resumed its business at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. Paul Clipsham, manager of the Epworth printing concern, presented the report of printing house and "The Methodist," the connexional organ. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the recommendations from the various synods bearing upon the subject were discussed.

The Rev. F. J. Rodd, president of the Ladies' College, Burwood, presented the report of the institution for the college for the past successful year. There had been steady progress both in numbers and income. The result of the school work had been satisfactory. The health of the school was excellent, and the moral tone exceedingly good. Bookkeeping and dressmaking had been added to the curriculum, and several improvements and additions have been made to the building. The matter of increased accommodation demanded serious attention. The president and the house committee were thanked for their services.

Mr. R. J. Lukey, who is about to visit England, was elected representative to the forthcoming British conference.

EVENING SESSION.

The President of the Conference (Rev. J. G. Morris Taylor) presided at the evening session which was again well attended.

HOME MISSION.

The Rev. J. Woolnough moved a resolution to the effect that the sanction given to the Albury trust at the last conference, to dispose of 30ft of land at Albury, should be extended, so as to allow a larger frontage to be sold. It was stated that the executive committee had consented to the larger amount being disposed of, half of the proceeds to be apportioned by the Albury trust towards the erection of a parsonage, the other half to be loaned to the trust for the same work. The resolution was agreed to.

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CONCERT TO THE CITY ORGANIST.

The "send-off" concert which the leading members of the musical profession will give in honour of Mr. Arthur Mason at the Town Hall next Saturday night has evoked so many and varied offers of assistance that it has been found difficult to keep the programme within reasonable limits, and a concert of unique attractiveness is already assured. The list of contributors includes Miss Yvonne Severing, Mrs. Lucy Parkinson, Mr. W. H. Pincombe, M. Maddern, Mr. Weston, and J. Winspear be made supernumeraries, several members of the conference speaking in the highest terms of praise of their work and character. The Revs. R. Laverty, W. H. Jones, and A. S. Swift were placed on the supernumerary list for one year at their own request. The Rev. Dr. Moulton the well-known Tongan missionary, preferred a request to be made a supernumerary, after 46 years' work in the ministry. The Rev. E. H. Crosby, D.D., proposed, and the Rev. Dr. Brown seconded, a resolution that the request be granted. The Revs. W. W. Clarke, Dr. Sellors, E. J. Rodd, A. J. Small, and others bore testimony to the remarkable work done by Dr. Moulton in Tonga and the mission field. The request was granted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The representative session resumed its business at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. Paul Clipsham, manager of the Epworth printing concern, presented the report of printing house and "The Methodist," the connexional organ. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the recommendations from the various synods bearing upon the subject were discussed.

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The City Organist will give an organ recital and concert at the Town Hall to-night. Mr. Arthur Mason's list of pieces will include Bach's "Fugue in E Flat," "Song of the Lark" (Wely), "Wedding" Mendelssohn, and selections from Bizet's opera, "Carmen." The assisting vocalists will be Miss Ada Middenway, a contralto debutante, Mr. M. F. Byndes, baritone, and Mr. Henry Weir.

SKUTHORP'S BUCKJUMPING SHOW.

As advertised in another portion of this issue, Professor Skuthorp's "Boys from the Bush" will open at the Haymarket Hippodrome on Saturday, March 24. Amongst the items to be presented will be a buckjumper riding competition for £100, and a prize of £20 for the best buckjumper produced. Up to date there are 19 horses entered for the latter contest, and 16 riders for the riding competition.

MARTINI'S BUCKJUMPERS.

A big programme will be presented at Martini's buckjumping exhibition to-night. Besides the usual programme, the riding contest between Lavell and Pendergast will be decided. O'Donnell, from the Abercrombie River, will attempt to ride Bobs, and Baldwin Hill, the whip king, from Gippsland, Victoria, will give an exhibition with stock and bullock whips.

BAND RECITAL.

The Newtown Brass Band, conducted by Mr. Thomas Mellor, and assisted by various artists, will give their seventeenth sacred and classical recital to-morrow at 3 p.m. in St. George's Hall, Newtown.

THE HAYMARKET HIPPODROME.

To-night the Bohemian Dramatic Company will produce the four-act Maori drama entitled "Ka-Ora" at the Haymarket Hippodrome.

Writing of the bestowal of a Privy Councillorship on Sir Walter Foster, the "British Medical Journal" says this is the first time a member of the medical profession has received this honour in recognition of political eminence.

CITY COUNCIL.

SUPPLY OF ROAD METAL.

A special meeting of the Works Committee of the City Council was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering the tenders which had been received for the supply of road metal. A report from the city surveyor (Mr. W. M. Gordon) dealt with the tenders received as follows:—

Emu Gravel and Road Metal Company "Nepean," 7s 8d per ton of 27 cubic feet; "Prospect," 6s 8 4-13d per ton of 24 cubic feet; 7s 3d per ton of 26 cubic feet, and 7s 9 9-26d per ton of 27 cubic feet.

Justin McSweeny, 6s 5d per ton of 24 cubic feet, and 7s 7d per ton of 27 cubic feet.

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The tender of G. L. Fuller was the lowest, and as to the quality of the various metals there was no doubt as to the superior quality of the wearing powers of the Nepean metal. The state of many of our streets bore evidence of the advisability of continuing the use of this metal on our streets as far as possible, more particularly on those that had heavy traffic over them, as its extra first cost was more than counterbalanced by the extra life and freedom from dust and mud which characterised them. Therefore, he was strongly of opinion that the council should, when the streets were showing a more presentable appearance, continue the use of the very best metal. On that ground he recommended that the tender of the Emu Gravel and Road Metal Company "Nepean" metal, in the sum of 7s 8d per ton, be accepted. Should, however, the council decide upon dividing the contract, as was done last year, he would advise the acceptance of the tender of G. L. Fuller at 6s 4d, and that of the Emu Gravel and Road Metal Company at 7s 8d per ton.

Alderman Evan Jones moved—"That it be recommended to the council that the tender of the Emu Gravel and Road Metal Company, "Nepean," at 7s 8d per ton, and that of the Kiama Road Metal Company, at 6s 5d per ton, of 27 cubic feet in each case, be accepted, half of the supply being taken from each."

After a long discussion, the resolution was agreed to.

With reference to the supplies of screenings, a discussion ensued, and it was ultimately decided, on the advice of the city surveyor, to defer consideration of the matter until after the tenders for road metal had been dealt with by the council.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY.

The report of the Government Statistician for the month of February shows that during the month 1046 children were born and 428 persons died, the excess of births over deaths being 603. The birth record is 26 above, and the death record 13 below the average for February during the previous five years. The birth-rate is not so satisfactory as of late, being below both the rate for last month and the average for February of the last five years. The mortality-rate is very favourable. It is slightly lower than January, and below the average rate experienced in February during the last five years. The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 118, equal to 114 per 1000 births, which compares with 130, the mean rate for the last decade. The rate for infants is higher than was experienced in February, 1905, but with that exception it is the lowest for that month during the last 10 years, being 12 per cent. below the decennial average. Of persons 65 years and upwards there were 80 deaths (48 males and 41 females), and of these one was 97, one was 98, and one was 100 years of age. At this extreme of life the mortality was lower than for last month. The deaths from epidemic diseases numbered 14, which is 64 per cent. below the decennial average for February. Of these enteric fever caused 9 deaths, diphtheria 3, and measles and scarlet fever 1 each. The average deaths from enteric fever during the last five years numbered 18, in such a unique fever 2, and from diphtheria 5. Other important causes of deaths were:—Diarrhoeal diseases and enteritis, which caused 27 deaths; cancer, 27; Bright's disease, 20; phthisis, 19; pneumonia, 17; premature birth, 15; endocarditis, 15; atrophy, 13; and accidents, 11. Compared with the records for February for the previous five years, and making no allowance for increase in population, there were increases in diarrhoeal diseases and enteritis 77, as against the average 69; cancer, 27, as against 22; Bright's disease, 20, as against 15; pneumonia, 17—16; endocarditis, 15—11; while there were decreases in phthisis 19, as against 35; premature birth, 15—18; atrophy, 13—16; and accidents, 11—22.

One of Bath's most distinguished veterans has just died in the person of Sergeant-Major James Sims, late of H.M 61st Regiment (2nd Gloucesters), and also of the 1st V.B. Somerset L.I. Deceased was the first in the assault on the magazine at Delhi on September 16, 1857, after it had been blown up at the cost of his own life by Lieutenant Willoughby, a native of Bath.

LIVER DISEASE CAN BE CURED.

From Mr. Charles Newson, 7 Taylor-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, 10th March, 1905.

"For three years I suffered from liver complaint, dizziness in the head, spasmodic pain in the upper part of the abdomen, sick headache, frequent vomiting of bitter matter, accompanied by a feeling of depression and dissatisfaction for exertion. I was induced to try Warner's Safe Cure, and after taking that medicine I was promptly relieved from all pain. Since then my health has been most satisfactory."

From Mrs. Margaret Doig, 60 Helen-street, Northcote, Vic., 25th February, 1905.

"For nearly three years, previous to a few months ago, I was afflicted with liver and kidney trouble in a very severe form. I suffered intense pain in the back and under the shoulder blades, and there was a sense of weight and pain in the region of the liver, I also had indigestion and other symptoms of general ill-health. Nothing seemed to give me relief until I took Warner's Safe Cure, and then I got relief from the first bottle I took. I continued to take Warner's Safe Cure and Warner's Safe Pills for some time longer, when all traces of the complaint left me, and there has been no return of it up to the present; in fact, my health has been most satisfactory in every respect."

From Mr. Robert White, Pitgroy-street, Rockhampton, Q., 11th March, 1905.

"My wife suffered from very severe bilious attacks. She had medical advice, but derived no benefit from the treatment. Having myself had experience of the value of Warner's Safe Cure, I persuaded her to try that Medicine. After taking two bottles of Warner's Safe Cure and a phial of Warner's Safe Pills she was completely restored to health. I can heartily recommend Warner's Safe Cure and Warner's Safe Pills to anyone suffering from biliousness."

From Mr. Cecil Thompson, 17 Womerah-avenue, Rushcutter Bay, Sydney, N.S.W., 9th March, 1905.

"Two years ago I had serious disease of the liver, indigestion, dizzy headaches, and great pain in my chest and stomach. I tried various remedies to obtain relief, but without succeeding. I was nearly in despair, when I happened to see a pamphlet which was left at my house, containing a number of letters from people who, after suffering in a similar way to myself, had been cured by taking Warner's Safe Cure. So I thought I, it would cure others, why not should it not cure me, and resolved to give it a trial. I did so, with the happy result that, in a few weeks, I am quite cured and in the enjoyment of good health. Since that time I have been quite free from the complaint."

From the Rev. Ll. E. Lewis, Warrnambool, Vic., 14th July, 1904.

"I am thankful to say that I believe your medicines (Warner's Safe Cure and Warner's Safe Pills) have completely cured the biliousness from which I suffered so long. I am now in the enjoyment of health. I hope many others will derive the same benefit from your medicines as I have."

From Mrs. A. McDonald, 52 Comber-street, Paddington, Sydney, N.S.W., 7th March, 1905.

"I suffered from liver complaint and indigestion, and, as I grew older, I became a martyr to it. After every meal I had a sense of oppression at the chest, and was troubled by severe pain in the back and under the shoulder blades. I was reduced to a condition of great weakness; I dreaded to sit down to pick up anything, as stooping made me feel quite faint and dizzy. For years I suffered in this way, and could get no relief until Warner's Safe Cure was brought to my notice. A course of that medicine not only gave me great relief, but I believe has added years to my life, for I now feel a great deal younger. I can now eat and sleep well, the pains and dizziness have all left me, and I am in the best of health."

From Mr. Albert Ross, 53 Oxford-street, Paddington, Sydney, N.S.W., 8th March, 1905.

"Having taken Warner's Safe Cure for liver complaint and dyspepsia, I am glad to add my testimony as to its value. For about eight months I suffered intense pain in the shoulders, chest, and other parts of the body. There was nearly always a sense of fulness and oppression after meals; in fact, nearly everything I ate gave me great pain. Talking to a friend about my trouble, he advised me to get a bottle of Warner's Safe Cure, as he had himself derived great benefit from taking it. I followed his advice, and was soon relieved; I believe I am permanently cured, as I have had no return of the symptoms since that time."

From Mrs. E. Limpus, 78 Cantonment-street, Fremantle, W.A., 6th October, 1904.

"For many years I suffered from disease of the liver, which caused great physical prostration and mental depression. After suffering all that time, on the recommendation of a friend, I decided to take a course of Warner's Safe Cure. I am pleased to say that the good effects were apparent almost immediately after I commenced to take the medicine, and since that time my health has been most satisfactory."

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INQUESTS.

A STREET FATALITY.

The City Coroner held an inquest yesterday on the body of William Stephen Chislett, a painter, 58 years of age, whose death occurred on the 27th ult. in the Sydney Hospital, from injuries received on the 22nd ult.

It was elicited from the evidence that the deceased was standing on a footpath in Fe-veaux-street, when he was knocked down by a runaway pony. He was taken in an unconscious condition to the Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted, suffering from a fracture of the skull.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

LIFT ACCIDENT.

An inquest was held yesterday by the City Coroner on the death of Edwin Glover, 32 years of age, a glazier, lately residing at Young-street, Annandale, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital on Wednesday from injuries resulting from a fall down a lift well at Buckingham's drapery establishment, Oxford-street.

According to the evidence, deceased, with another man, was on a ladder, placed horizontally from the top of a lift to a window sill. The lift suddenly started, causing the ladder and Glover to fall. Glover was taken in an unconscious condition to the hospital.

The inquest was adjourned until Wednesday morning next.

LOST AND FOUND.

ARLINGTON Heights Estate, Willoughby.—Auction, on Ground, NEXT SATURDAY, at 3.30.

GOLD Mailway Pass, Queensland, engr. Inspector of Inland Revenue. Rew., G. Central, Clarence-st.

HANDSOME Reward.—LOST, A. Hordorns' Crockery Dept., Thurs., pair Gold Glasses. Office.

LOST, two Cheques, £1 12s, payment stopped. Rew., 143A Victoria-st North, Darlinghurst.

LOST, 1st, PCL., contg. refs., bet. Margaret-st and riwy. Return 54 Buckingham-st, city.

LOST, Feb., sable and white Collie Dog; rewd.; de-tainer prot. Hollis-ave., Mosman.

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LOST, Tues., bet. Ashfield and Thurst.-st city, G. M. Brooch, pale yellow stones. Rew., 50 Alt-st, Ash.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. LAW MATRICULATION EXAMINATION will be held on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, at the University. Candidates are required to pay the prescribed fee of £5 10s 6d to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court not later than SATURDAY, the 24th of March. H. E. BARFF, Registrar. 2-3-06.

TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON. ENTRIES will close NEXT SATURDAY for the June Theory of Music Examinations. Grades: Preparatory, 7s; Junior, 8s; Intermediate, 9s 6d; Senior, 12s 6d. For particulars of Medals, National Prizes (£5 each), and Australian Exhibitions (amounting to over £100), see Syllabus, which, with Entry Forms, may be obtained from the Local Secretary, G. DE CAIROS REGO, 16 Paling's-buildings.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC OF LONDON, ENGLAND, for LOCAL EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.

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SYLLABUS, 1906. The attention of Teachers and Candidates is called to the following new features in the Syllabus:—THREE EXHIBITIONS, entitling their holders to Free Musical Tuition at the Royal Academy of Music or the Royal College of Music, for not less than two nor more than three years, will be offered in Australasia in 1906. GOLD and SILVER MEDALS will be given in each State in the Local Centre Examinations. ELEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS.—Candidates may elect to be examined either (a) as Teachers, or (b) as Solo Players of Special Standard. PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS will be held in all States on SATURDAY, June 2nd, 1906. ENTRIES CLOSE MAY 1st, 1906. PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS in Sydney and N.S.W. will be held about AUGUST-SEPTEMBER. ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 2nd, 1906. Syllabus, containing full particulars of Examinations, will be sent post free on application to the Resident Secretary, 10 Hunter-street, Sydney, N.S.W.

VICTORIA COLLEGE OF MUSIC (LONDON). Incorporated 1891. ENTRIES for May Exams. in Music and Elocution Close 1st MAY. Syllabus, etc., from Paling's, or from Secretary.

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WANTED to purchase, 3 second-hand Magneto Telephones. Receiver, Herald Office.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue, unless Caveats be lodged in accordance with the Third Schedule to the said Act, on or before the 17th APRIL, 1906.

No. 15,945. APPLICANTS:—James Ekin, Neutral Bay; and John Stinson, Sydney.
LAND:—Municipality District of Bankstown, 107 acres 20 perches, situated on Chapel-road,—being lot No. 4, and part of lots Nos. 5 and 6 of L. Samuel's subdivision, and is part of 600 acres (portion No. 51 of parish), granted to George Morris; adjoining the properties of the City Bank of Sydney, Mrs. Sarah Eldridge, Mrs. Susannah Woodward, Mrs. Mary Ann Cook, A. T. Pringle, A. T. Holdsworth, and the executors of the late Charles S. Bell, E. Fripp, and A. Hoskins.
No. 14,120. APPLICANTS:—Marian Reed, Blackheath; and Elizabeth Wade Browne, Medlow.
LAND:—Borough of Burwood, 27¼ perches, situated in the Boulevarde, Strathfield, being lot No. 33 and part of Lots Nos. 30 and 32 of Parnell's subdivision, and is part of 750 acres (portion No. 246 of parish), granted to Thomas Rowley; adjoining the properties of A. Steel and Dr. T. Frizell.
No. 14,128. APPLICANT:—Frederick George Claude Gordon Hamilton, Inverell.
LAND:—Municipal District and town of Inverell, 2 roods, situated in Oliver-street; is allotment No. 7 of section No. 7, granted to Daniel Reardon; adjoining the properties of Mrs. J. Lundy and W. Litchfield.
No. 14,129. APPLICANT:—Alfred Shute, Peakhurst.
LAND:—Municipal District of Hurstville, 8 acres 2 roods, 18 acres 16½ perches, 17 perches, and 1 rood, situated on George's River,—being part of 30 acres (portion No. 78 of parish), granted to Sir Thomas Livingston Mitchell; adjoining Crown land.
No. 14,155. APPLICANT:—Henry Marcus Clark, Newtown.
LAND:—Borough of Petersham, 36½ perches, situated in Canterbury New Road,—being lot No. 21 of section No. 2 of Dulwich Hill Estate, and is part of 25 acres granted to William Adams; adjoining the properties of Mrs. H. Cartwright, A. C. Hands, and the Railway Commissioners.
No. 14,136. APPLICANT:—Elizabeth Jemima Smith, Gladesville.
LAND:—Municipal District of Ryde, 2 acres 2 roods 36½ perches, situated in Ashburn-place, Gladesville Wharf-road, and Pearson-street at Gladesville,—being lots Nos. 32 and 34 of the Gladesville Estate, and is part of 10 acres, allotment No. 2 (portion No. 103 of parish), granted to John Terry Hughes; adjoining the property of T. Henley.
No. 14,173. APPLICANT:—Isabella Smith, Balmain.
LAND:—Borough of Balmain, 22 perches, situated in Jane-street,—being part of A. W. Young's subdivision, and is part of 850 acres granted to William Balmain; adjoining the properties of W. Burt, Miss Rourke, J. C. Fleming, and Isabella Smith.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.
Dated at Sydney this 23rd day of February, 1906, at the Registrar-General's Department.
W. C. H-WILLIAMS, Registrar-General.
(1d-34)

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 2nd March, 1906.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.

TENDERS for the Works, etc., specified below will be received at this Department until 2 o'clock p.m. on the dates mentioned. For conditions see "Government Gazette":—

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1906.
Completion of the Undinished Portion of the Contract for Construction of Railway from Bogan Gate to Trundle. (Time extended.)
Construction of a Wharf and Approach at Nowra, Shoalhaven River.
Erection of new School, Public School, Cocerwull.
Contract No. 72/1905-06.—Supply of Blue Metal, South Head Roads.
Contracts Nos. 77, 78, and 79/1905-06.—Supply of Ironstone Metal, Road Berowra Station to Dust Hole Bay.
Contract No. 80/1905-06.—Supply of Blue Metal, Military-road, Bk. Lecanda.
Contract No. 81/1905-06.—Carting Metal, Road Balmain to Ryde.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1906.
Bridge over Weston Creek at Weston, road Surri Kurri to Cessnock.
Erection of Nurses' Quarters, Coast Hospital.
Additions, Rifle Range, Richmond.
Erection of New Public School and Residence, Tingha. (Fresh Tenders.)
Repairs, etc, Telegraph Receiving Room, General Post Office.
Construction of Rubble Wall, Penitentiary and Female Prison, Long Bay.
Septic Tanks and Filter for the Female Penitentiary at Little Bay. (Fresh Tenders.)
Awnings and Colonnade and Cab Platform, and completion and covering of Colonnade Roof, Central Railway Station. (Fresh Tenders.)

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1906.
Erection of Mitchell Library, being First Portion of New South Wales State Library.
Manufacture, Supply, and Erection of a Service Reservoir, for Corowa Water Supply.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1906.
Erection of New Building, Public School, Araluen. (Fresh Tenders.)
Erection of Police Buildings and Warden's Court, West Wyalong.
Extension of Drains and the Construction of Bridges and Regulators, Wentworth Irrigation Area.
CHARLES A. LEE.
(6s-80)

Stores Supply and Tender Board, Sydney, 2nd March, 1906.

TENDERS for the Supplies and Services enumerated hereunder will be received at the Board's Office up to 4.30 p.m. on the dates mentioned. Further particulars and conditions of tendering will be found in the "Government Gazette":—

MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1906.
BRUSHWARE.
BRUSHMAKING, MATMAKING, and MATTRESS-MAKING MATERIALS.
ENGINEERS' FITTINGS, etc.
GLASS.
PACKING-CASES.
PHOTOGRAPHIC and PHOTO-LITHOGRAPHIC MATERIALS.
PLASTERERS' MATERIALS.
SHIP CHANDLERY, etc.
ENVELOPES.
WRITING and BLOTTING PAPERS.
ACCOUNT BOOKS.

MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 1906.
ENGINEERING STORES.
INDIGO-DYED VENETIAN, SERGE, TWEED, GREY WOOLLEN, BEDFORD CORD, etc.
IRONMONGERY, etc.

MONDAY, 19th MARCH, 1906.
BENZINE and NAPHTHA,
BOOTS.
CAPS, HATS, etc.
CHAIRS, etc.
CLOTHING and MATERIALS for STATE CHILDREN RELIEF DEPARTMENT and ABORIGINES' PROTECTION BOARD.
HELIOGRAPHIC PAPER.
IRON, BRASS, and GUN-METAL CASTINGS (Hunter River Districts).
PLUMBERS' and GASFITTERS' FITTINGS and MATERIALS, etc.
SAILS, TARPAULINS, TENTS, etc.
UNIFORM TRIMMINGS, GLOVES, etc.
WEIGHTS and MEASURES.
WIRE ROPE.
AMERICAN PINE, REDWOOD, etc., } For Sydney and
HARDWOOD, etc. } Hunter River Districts.
KAURI PINE.

Tender Forms for ENVELOPES, WRITING and BLOTTING PAPERS and ACCOUNT BOOKS may be obtained at the Government Printing Office, where also the standard samples may be inspected.
Tender Forms and further particulars for all other Supplies and Services may be obtained at the Board's Office, Young-street. Tender Forms for IRON, BRASS, and GUN-METAL CASTINGS, and for TIMBER, may also be obtained at the Court-house, at Newcastle.

A. BERCKELMAN,
(9b-73) Secretary and Executive Member.

Stores Supply and Tender Board, 15 and 17 Young-street, Sydney, 3rd March, 1906.

RABBIT-PROOF WIRE NETTING.

TENDERS for the Supply of 4000 MILES RABBIT-PROOF GALVANISED WIRE NETTING will be received at the above Offices up to 2.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 10th May next. Tender forms and full particulars may be obtained upon application to the undersigned.

A. BERCKELMAN,
(6b-72) Secretary and Executive Member.

Local Land Board Office, Sydney, 10th February, 1906.

ATTENTION is directed to the notification in the Government Gazette of this date of application made for Special Lease as hereunder mentioned. Any objections lodged in writing at this office on or before 10th March, 1906, or before the Local Land Board shall have concluded its inquiry at the hearing of the application for such Special Lease, will be duly considered; and any objections lodged after that period will not be entertained.
Wylie, Henry Alexander, co. Cumberland, ph. Alexandria, on the southern shore of Coogee Bay, fronting Recreation Reserve: About 2 acres area, for bathing places.

T. F. FURBER,
(5b-194) Metropolitan District Surveyor.

District Staff Office, Commonwealth Military Forces, New South Wales.

TENDERS will be received until noon on the 6th MARCH, 1906, for Supplies of Bread, Meat, Groceries, Vegetables, Forage, and Fuel for the undermentioned Military Encampments in the Metropolitan District at Easter, 1906.
Tender Forms and all information can be obtained on application to the Supply Officer, Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
Liverpool.
Randwick and Paddington.
Middle Head and Chowder Bay.
South Head, National Park.
A. P. LUSCOMBE,
Major, R.A.A.,
D.A.Q.M. General.

Public Service Board, 50 Young-street, Sydney, 2nd March, 1906.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD invite Applications for the undermentioned Positions in the Public Service. Applications must be made on a form for the purpose, obtainable from the office, or from Clerks of Petty Sessions in Country Districts, and must reach the undersigned not later than the dates specified. Further particulars are published in the Government Gazette, and can also be obtained on application to this office:—

MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1906.
DIRECTOR OF BOOTMAKING at the Sydney Technical College. Salary £150 per annum. Applicants should have a fair general education, a knowledge of technical training in bootmaking, preferably of bootmaking classes in a technical school, and of the arrangement of a modern bootmaking factory. They should also have a theoretical knowledge of all branches of the boot trade, with a practical knowledge of several of the more important branches of the trade. They should be able to advise as to equipment and to see that the machinery and other equipment are kept in order.

MONDAY, 19th MARCH, 1906.
DAIRY INSTRUCTOR at the WOLLONGBAR EXPERIMENTAL FARM (General Division). Salary £150 per annum, with board and residence. Applicants must be not more than 40 years of age. Suitable applicants already permanently employed in the Public Service will have first consideration.
By order of the Board,
J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.
(9b-66)

STANDARD Counchs, for 6s 11d and 7s 11d. English and Company, 787 George-st, near railway station.

EASTWOOD LAND SALE, at Station. The 1.38 and 3.59 trains THIS AFTERNOON. R. and W., Ltd.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

TENDERS for the Work specified below will be received up to 2 p.m. on the date mentioned. For particulars see "Government Gazette":—
MARCH 15, 1906.
Supply and Delivery of Induction Motors and Transformer at Crown-street Pumping Station.
WILLIAM HOLMES, Secretary.
241 Pitt-street, February 12, 1906. (81-70)

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AUCTION SALES.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

METROPOLITAN SHOW.

APRIL 11th to 19th, 1906.

We beg to notify that we will hold our usual SALES OF STOCK during the above, both on the SHOW GROUNDS, MOORE PARK, and also at our CITY YARDS.
Owners who intend favouring us with the sale of their consignments at this time will oblige by sending particulars early
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON,
Pedigree Stock Salesmen.
Head Office: 244 Pitt-street, Sydney.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

500. HEAD. 500.
Including about
300. DAIRY HEIFERS. 300.
For full particulars see yesterday's issue.

TRAIN LEAVES SYDNEY AT 10.15 A.M., RETURNING AT 3.42 AND 6.47 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE. THIS DAY, SATURDAY.

10 FIRST-CLASS HEIFERS, WITH YOUNG CALVES AT FOOT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. Buffer to sell by auction, as above,
10 first-class Heifers, with young Calves at foot; all good sorts.
2 TROTTING STALLIONS FROM SOUTH COAST.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. Ellis, Tilba Tilba, to sell by auction on MONDAY NEXT, at 12 o'clock,
BOY, Black 7 yrs., winner of several trots, by Tuxedo (imp.) from Gladys, by Roscoe (imp.).
ALSO, ROLLO, Chestnut, 4 yrs., by Elmo II., from a mare bred by John Nolan, of West Maitland, untried; both are good stock getters. Full particulars at sale.

TO BREWERS, MILLERS, HEAVY CARRIERS, SHIPPERS, AND OTHERS.

10 FIRST-CLASS HEAVY DRAUGHT GELDINGS AND MARES, FROM NORTHERN RIVERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Phillis to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, on TUESDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
10 1st-class Heavy Draught Geldings and Mares, 4, 5, and 6 years old, all broken to plough and team work. Included in the lot is a team of 4 Black Geldings.
HORSES, HORSES, HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

FRIDAY NEXT, AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
On account SOUTHERN AGENTS.
10 Unstanding Harness Horses, all broken.
On account NORTHERN AGENTS, Tenterfield.
20 High-class Horses, comprising extra thick, good quality Light Horses, suitable for Butcher's, Baker's, and General Trade use. Also, a few good Draughts, all in splendid condition, 4 to 6 yrs. old, broken in.

THE ANNUAL SALES OF THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS, BROOD MARES, UNTRIED STOCK, and RACEHORSES in TRAINING,
DURING THE A.J.C. AUTUMN MEETING, 1906, at
T. PAYTEN'S NEWMARKET STABLES, RANDWICK.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON beg to announce that owing to the large number of yearlings that have been entrusted to them for Sale at Easter, they find it necessary to make two sale days, viz., TUESDAY, 17th, and FRIDAY, 20th APRIL, commencing at 2 P.M. SHARP.
The Sale of Untried Stock, Racehorses in Training, and Mr. J. R. SMITH'S BROOD MARES will be held on MONDAY, 22nd APRIL, at 2 P.M.
FULL PARTICULARS SEE SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, AT THE CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, AT 11.30 A.M.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WITH ALL FAULTS.

TAMWORTH, MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

ANNUAL HORSE SALE.

400 HEAD. 400 HEAD.

12th and 13th MARCH.

GARVIN and COUSENS, Tamworth, will hold their ANNUAL SALE of HORSES on above dates, commencing each morning at 10.30 o'clock, and guarantee to yard 400 head, consisting of:—

HEAVY and MEDIUM DRAUGHTS.
LIGHT ACTIVE DRAUGHTS.
SPRINGART AND HARNESS HORSES.
GOOD UPSTANDING SADDLE SORTS, and
PONIES of all DESCRIPTIONS.

A large number of the Horses yarded will be suitable for the Shipping Trade, and are mostly all in good condition. They will also be of desirable classes, several consignments from New England will be found to be exceptionally good.

AYRSHIRES. AYRSHIRES.

PICTON, SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1906.

FIRST ANNUAL SALE of PUREBRED and GRADE AYRSHIRE COWS, HEIFERS, and YOUNG BULLS, on Account "Jarvisfield" Stud.

W. LARKIN, late R. H. INGLIS, has received instructions from R. H. ANTILL, Esq., Jarvisfield, to sell at Picton, on SATURDAY, 7th April, at 1.30,
26 Purebred and Grade Ayrshire COWS, in calf to Prince of Wales Academist, and Minstrel, many of them forward.
28 Purebred and Grade Ayrshire HEIFERS by the above bulls, in calf, and a number close to calving.
Several young purebred BULLS, from the best milking strains.

The Jarvisfield Stud has been bred pure for the past 30 years, and from its inception nothing but the best milking strains have been used, at the same time maintaining the true Ayrshire type, the herd at the present time being composed of animals noted for their high milking qualities.
Vesta, the Ayrshire cow, bred at this stud, yielded 7721b of milk in 24 hours, and Model (a half-sister to this cow is included in the above), winner of the "Sydney Mail" prize at the last Royal Show, was also bred at Jarvisfield.
This sale offers exceptional opportunities to buyers in search of pure Ayrshire cattle, which cannot be surpassed for their milking qualities.
This is the first of the annual sales which Mr. Antill intends holding, as his stud is now so large that he must sell a draft each year to make room for the young cattle.
The above cattle comprise some of the best strains in the herd, and are worthy special attention. Purchasers can feel sure that any cattle purchased on the Estate until after the Royal Show if they wish.
Train leaves Sydney 9.30 morning of sale, and returns 7.40 same night.
Full particulars posted on application to
W. LARKIN,
Auctioneer, Picton and Camden.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Newtown Bridge, THIS DAY, at 7 o'clock, Wood, etc.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Darling Harbour, THIS DAY, at 8 o'clock, Wood, etc.

DENT and PERRY will sell by auction, at Redfern Station, THIS DAY, at 9.15,
Hay, Straw, Chaff, Maize, Pumpkins, Potatoes.
DENT and PERRY, Auctioneers, 187 Sussex-street.

IMPORTANT TIMBER SALE, BURWOOD.
TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, and JOB DEALERS.
THIS AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK SHARP,
Wyatt's-avenue and Burwood-road, next Hoskin's Estate tram stop, and at rear Goulston's, late Arnold's, shop.
ABSOLUTELY UNRESERVED CLEARING SALE,
by order of Mr. Henry Hart,
LARGE QUANTITY BUILDING MATERIALS,
from and Wood Ver. Columns.
TIMBERSE WOOD GIRDER, about 48ft long, 15 x 15, and several smaller Girders.
LOT NEW BRICKS, HOISTING FRAME, 36ft, with pulleys complete.
CARP. BENCH, LOT GOOD SHELVING, H.W. STEPS, Set Wood Tubs.
LARGE QUANTITY SPLENDID DOORS and SASHES, with Frames complete.
WIRE SHOP GUARDS, LARGE VERANDAH or SKYLIGHT, Posts and Rails, Iron Piping, Barrow.
ALSO a Capital BUTCHER'S CART, and a great lot of useful lines.
MESSRS. STRONGMAN and WATSON sell at 2 p.m. THIS DAY, and invite early attendance. Terms SPOT CASH.

THIS DAY, AT 3.30 P.M., Instead of usual hour of 2.
On account various interests,
AT THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS,
LARGE QUANTITY FURNITURE and GENERAL REQUISITES.
STRONGMAN AND WATSON,
Auctioneers and Agents for Owners.
Telephone, 200 Burwood.

WHITE or Cail To-day for Patterns of latest Summer Woollens. English and Co., 787 George-st.

STRATHFIELD HEIGHTS ESTATE. Cash or Easy Terms. 24th inst.

MOSMAN.—CREMORNE ESTATE, 28 Allotments for Sale. THIS DAY, Saturday. R. and H.

PADDINGTON—MOORE PARK.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE, on MONDAY NEXT, MARCH 5th, at 11, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, 393 DOWLING-STREET, near Flinders and Oxford streets.

THE SUPERB AND SUBSTANTIAL FURNISHINGS Of A 2-STORY HOUSE.
Under Instructions from Mrs. SPENCER.
DRAWING, DINING, BREAKFAST HALL, BALCONY, 5 and SINGLE BEDROOMS.
Beautifully Appointed Throughout, including
A VALUABLE UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, with Underdamper, check action, possessing extra volume of tone, on the world-famed Lipp system, in beautiful burr walnut case, eq. to new, worthy of special attention.
Pretty Queen Anne DRAWING SUITE, in bfocaded Tapestry and Silk Plush.
Lofty Walnut and Black and Gold OVERMANTELS and PIER GLASSES.
Bev. WALL MIRRORS of various designs.
ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELLS CARPETS, in splendid order.
RATTAN, BAMBOO, and WALNUT OCC. FURNITURE.
CHARMING JAPANESE CABINET.
WELL-MADE MODERN HALL STAND, and CHAIRS en suite, in solid cedar.
Some Very Rare Examples of CARRARA MARBLE and COSTLY ORNAMENTS.
ANTIQUE BRONZE and MARBLE CLOCK, Cathedral Gong, French Movement, Side Ornaments.
OIL PAINTINGS, STEEL ENGRAVINGS, WATER COLOUR DRAWINGS.
MASSIVE SIDEBOARD, beautifully finished with Carvings, Bev. Mirrors.
PLATE SHELVES, etc., of Noble Design.
3-TIER DINNER WAGGON, with Cutlery, Drawers.
The Valuable DINING SUITE of 9 pieces, was made specially to D. Jones and Co. order, for the present owner.
The Frames are of Solid Italian Walnut, of massive and special design.
Upholstered in solid Skins, at a cost of sixty-five pounds, which statement can be verified if necessary. This Suite is in splendid preservation, and should command inspection.
DINING TABLE and CHAIRS.
TABLE PLATE and CUTLERY, TEA, DINNER, and DESSERT SERVICES, Cut Glasswork.
The Principal BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS are of the good old type, and can only be seen in use (not new),
including
A Massive All-brass Footrail 4-TESTER EXHIBITION 4ft 6in x 6ft 6in BEDSTEAD, with eq. new Raised and Roll Edge Wire, Full Set of Damask Kapok, and Nets.
Valuable ANTIQUE BEDROOM SUITE, with 6ft Wardrobe, containing 2 Roving Compartments.
CEDAR MILLINERY STANDS and DRAWERS, BOOT, and HAT BOXES, Etc, with a pair large Toilets en Suite, in solid burr walnut.
Very RARE OLD CHINA TOILET SERVICE, Conventional Design, Rich Ottomans, Easy Chairs, etc.
Very Beautiful WINDOW DRAPES and CURTAINS, VENETIAN BLINDS, STAIR CARPET.

The Other Rooms contain
SINGLE and ¾ 4-TESTER, BRASS-MOUNTED, 4-TESTER complete.
CHESTS DRAWERS, COMBINATIONS, TOILET PAIRS, TOILET WARE, RUGS, and LINO. MATS.
The KITCHEN and LAUNDRY have the usual Appurtenances for a well-furnished Home, including An Equal to New 410 EUREKA GAS STOVE, enamelled, with Canopy Top.
WHITE PINE DRESSER, D.D., SAFE, TABLES, CHAIRS, Etc., ICE CHEST, and SUNDRIES.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB under instructions from the Owner, who is retiring from business and going to live abroad, will sell as above. ABSOLUTELY UNRESERVED.
Door open at 9 o'clock sharp on MONDAY MORNING for probable purchasers to inspect.
SALE AT 11.

NEWTOWN.

THURSDAY NEXT, 8th, AT 11, On the Premises, KING-STREET, near BRIDGE, and ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

THE COSTLY AND WELL-APPOINTED APPARTMENTS of a Large 2-STORY HOUSE, comprising UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, DRAWING, DINING, HALL, and the FURNISHINGS of SEVERAL BEDROOMS.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB under instructions from Mrs. SHAPIER, who is giving up business here and returning to Melbourne. PARTICULARS TUESDAY.
Temporary Rooms and Offices: 270 Elizabeth-street, opp. N. Railway. T., 4268.

THURSDAY, 8th MARCH, at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET.
AT 2.30 P.M.
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM Messrs. THOMPSON, FRASER, RAMSAY, POPPY., Ltd.
879 PACKAGES CEYLON TEAS, ex R.M.S. MOOLTAN.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, The above.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, AT THE CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, AT 11.30 A.M.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WITH ALL FAULTS.

264 ROLLS GALVANISED WIRE NETTING.
48 x 1½ x 17, each 100 Yards.
Also,
26 ROLLS GALVANISED WIRE NETTING.
42 x 1½ x 17.
BARN

AUCTION SALES.

TOP OF THE HILLS.

DARVALL ESTATE, EASTWOOD.

(TULLY'S PORTION, 2nd SUBDIVISION), AT THE STATION, THE HIGHLANDS OF THE STRATHFIELD AND HORNSBY LINE. SUBDIVISION SALE of that portion of this well-known Property situate on the eastern side of the line, only a short distance south of the railway station. LITHOGRAPHS obtainable from the Auctioneers. AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND, at 3 o'clock,

TAKE 1.28 AND 2.30 TRAINS THIS AFTERNOON.

THIS DAY.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., AUCTIONEERS.

SOUTH ANNANDALE ESTATE.

SUBDIVISION OF THE OLD MANSION GROUNDS.

YOUR LAST CHANCE. AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND,

SATURDAY, 24TH MARCH.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., AUCTIONEERS AND VALUATORS, SALES EFFECTED BY AUCTION OR PRIVATELY.

PROPERTIES LET, RENTS and INTERESTS, etc., COLLECTED.

ESTATES MANAGED.

Valuations Made for Mortgage, Probate, Selling, and Other Purposes.

SPECIAL Arrangements made for Valuing and Conducting Sales Locally of Country Estates.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., announce the following Auction Sales:

ON THE GROUND,

THIS DAY.—EASTWOOD, on the Hornsby and Strathfield line.—Tully's 2nd Subdivision of the Darvall Estate, close to the Railway Station, on top of the Hills or Highlands.

MARCH 10th.—LEWISHAM, Business and Villa Sites, fronting Victoria and Denison streets, situate close to the railway station.

MARCH 17th.—CANTERBURY HEIGHTS, the Canterbury Park Estate, adjoining the Park and within easy distance of the railway station.

MARCH 24th.—STANMORE, an South Annandale Estate. Another subdivision of this celebrated Estate, situate close to the railway station, and handy to the trams at Johnston-street.

APRIL 7th.—BEECROFT and CHELTENHAM, on the Hornsby and Strathfield line, Cottage and Villa Sites, situate close to both railway stations.

APRIL 28th.—PENNANT HILLS.—The POMONA ESTATE, fronting Pennant Hills-road, within 10 minutes' walk of the railway station.

Lithographs and full particulars obtainable on application to the Auctioneers. (2126)

A PRETTY HOME on the HEIGHTS, and COMMANDING EXQUISITE VIEWS of HARBOUR across to MANLY.

MUSTON-STREET, AT MOSMAN.

convenient position, close to the trams, and surrounded by high-class residences.

A detached, double-fronted COTTAGE RESIDENCE, substantially built of brick on stone foundations, HIGHLY FINISHED THROUGHOUT, and in the BEST OF ORDER. It has verandah in front, and contains hall, double drawing-room, breakfast-room, 4 bed rooms, bathroom (tiled floor), and fitted with bath-heater; pantry, kitchen, and laundry; detached fuel house, &c.

The LAND is 66 feet x 133 feet on one side, and 124 feet on the other, extending back to a lane. Torrens Title. A beautiful flower garden and lawn, with splendid BUSH-HOUSE, stocked with all kinds of palms and ferns, water laid on to garden and cottage, as also gas, and connected to the sewer.

INSPECTION INVITED.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (in conjunction with Mr. P. LEAHY, Mosman, will sell by auction at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on

FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at 11 O'CLOCK,

The above Choice COTTAGE RESIDENCE, in the very best part of the favourite suburb of Mosman. (2216)

ABERCROMBIE-STREET, REDFERN.

CORBALLA HOUSE, No. 288, faithfully built of brick, cemented, slate roof, verandah, balcony, 5 rooms, bathroom, large kitchen, laundry, excellent yard. Good stabling for 3 stalls, two traps, and loft. Land, 30 feet x 106 feet back to side lane. A desirable home, or investment house. South of Codrington-street.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2217)

HOTEL, WOOLLAHRA, FREEHOLD, MONCUR and JAMES STREETS. "HOTEL MILTHORPE."

NEAT, and well built of brick, cemented fronts, having bar, 3 parlours, sitting-room, eight bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and washhouse, good yard, etc. LAND, a corner, 25 feet MONCUR-STREET, 104 feet along JAMES-STREET, back to a lane.

Let at £117 per annum and taxes and repairs until 11th November, 1917.

PROVE A GOOD INVESTMENT.

The district around is populous, and the Cooper Leasehold prohibits hotels hereabouts.

Messrs. PERKINS and FOSBERY, Solicitors for owner.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at our ROOMS, 98 PITT-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (2218)

JOHNSTON-STREET, NORTH ANNANDALE.

VACANT LAND, 100ft to Johnston-street and 200ft to the Crescent.

*** Close to the Ferry Wharf and Tram-stopping Place (Johnston-street, Balmain route).

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

The above Building Land. Torrens Title. (2219)

HOXTON PARK EAST, LIVERPOOL,

over three miles from Liverpool Railway Station, a healthy, pretty site, on the hill, commanding good views, between the homes of Messrs. McDowell and Foulkes.

COTTAGE and 3½ ACRES LAND, formerly known as Martin's, built of weatherboards, verandahs around, hall, 3 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, 400 fruit trees (mixed), strawberry plants, grape vines, large u.g. tank, 36,000 gallons. Title, Torrens. By order of the Mortgagee, for whom Mr. Wm. C. Clegg, of Newtown, is Solicitor. A desirable, splendid-climate residence.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2220)

CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

TWO faithfully-built, well-finished, and commodious RESIDENCES, Nos. 128 and 130 FLINDERS-ST., between Dowling-street and Park-road, and opposite the small triangle reserve, Sydney side of entrance to Moore Park. They are of brick, cemented and painted, slate roofs, verandahs and balconies in front, small balconies at rear, and each containing hall, 9 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, pantry, and washhouse; sewer, gas, city water. The LAND has 46 feet 8 inches frontage to FLINDERS-STREET, with depth up to 121 feet back to lane at rear. In ONE or TWO LOTS to suit purchasers.

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MRS. DRIVER.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 9th March, at 11.30,

The above conveniently-situated, desirable, and attractive Homes, in an esteemed part of the city; in 1 or 2 lots. Terms liberal.

J. H. CLAYTON, Esq., is Solicitor of the Estate. (2109)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

RANDWICK,

near Park and Tram, and nearly opposite Cowper-st.

TWO Semi-detached HOUSES, called WYFERN and LOLOMA, in Avoca-street, and TWO Semi-detached HOUSES, HAMPDEN and CROMWELL, in Dutruc-street, erected of brick, cemented, on stone, verandahs and balconies in front. Two contain each hall, 6 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, washhouse; the other two each 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, and washhouse; gas, sewer, city water. Land, 40ft to each street, through depth 80ft.

*** These well-positioned Houses are in FIRST-CLASS ORDER.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms on FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above Investment. Inspection invited. (2203)

STANMORE-ROAD,

about midway between Stanmore Railway Station and 24 tram terminus, Enmore-road.

MONTROSE, an attractive and comfortable Detached RESIDENCE, No. 90 STANMORE-ROAD, near Alma-street, of brick, tuckpointed, tiled roof, verandah and balcony front and east, hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and laundry. Land, 27½ x 225ft. Sewer, gas, city water. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above. Inspection invited. (2211)

By order of the MASTER IN EQUITY, in the matter of the Trust of the Will of the late JAMES GRAHAM, etc.

CHOICE COUNTRY PROPERTIES.

1. CAMPBELLTOWN.—1 acre 3 roods 29½ perches in the town, having frontage of 221 feet 4 inches to the Sydney-road, now Queen-street, east of Broughton-street; depth 417 feet 9 inches on one side and 377 feet 10 inches on the other, extending back to the Railway fence, on which is erected a Brick Cottage, let to Mr. Bottin, together with the old Stone Dwelling thereon, occupied by Mr. Bottin.

2. CAMPBELLTOWN.—1 acre 2 roods 3½ perches, almost opposite the above, having frontage of 165 feet to the Sydney-road and 396 feet to Broughton-street, together with the old Cottage thereon, occupied by Mr. Frazer.

3. LIVERPOOL, near CAMPBELLTOWN.—40 acres, comprising part of portions 93 and 94, Parish of St. Peter, fronting Smith's Creek, situate close to the Railway Station.

4. COLO, near MITTAGONG.—640 acres, a Dairy Farm, known as Mount Flood, comprising portion 9, Parish of Colo, fronting Government-road, and bounded on the north by Wm. Pearce's Farm, and on the west by property of Fly. Pearce, distant 2 miles from Colo Vale Railway Station and 9½ miles from Mittagong. About 300 acres are cleared, and may be classed as good grazing land. The property is permanently watered by Stockyard Creek. Occupied by Mr. A. Batt.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by Auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at 11 o'clock,

The above Properties, Campbelltown and Mittagong. Plans on view at the Rooms.

Messrs. J. STUART THOM BROS. and CO., 9 Castlereagh-street, Solicitors. (2195)

CITY STORE,

close to the

CIRCULAR QUAY and its IMPORTANT WHARFS,

in the

ACTIVE CENTRE OF THE WOOL, HIDE, and SKIN INDUSTRY.

A TWO-STORY STONE STORE, NO. 12 LOFTUS-STREET,

situate opposite Macquarie-place, and in close proximity to the Customs-house, Lands Office, the commodious stores of well-known wool firms, and other important Buildings.

THE LAND has 30ft frontage to the East Side of LOFTUS STREET, between BRIDGE-STREET and the CIRCULAR QUAY, with a depth of 63ft 3in extending back to LOFTUS-LANE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.

The above CITY STORE, at the CIRCULAR QUAY.

Plan on View at the Rooms. (2201)

DOUGLAS-STREET, STANMORE.

A beautiful position on the heights, convenient to Petersham and Stanmore Railway Stations.

WORCESTER, a two-story residence, No. 94, built of brick, tuck-pointed front, roof, having slate verandah and balcony, hall, six rooms, pantry, bathroom, kitchen, laundry, etc.

LAND, 50 feet by 120 feet, back lane. Torrens Title. A desirable home, in easy touch with city.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2216)

LEWISHAM,

fronting the MAIN STREET, out from the STATION, and situate close to the latter.

EIGHT BUSINESS OR VILLA SITES, fronting

VICTORIA AND DENISON STREETS.

Lithographs available at the Rooms of the Auctioneers. Torrens Title. Terms of Sale: 20 per cent. deposit, balance 6, 12, 18, and 24 months, 5 per cent. interest.

Auction Sale, on the Ground, at 3 o'clock,

NEXT SATURDAY.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, Ltd., Auctioneers. (2176)

EASTBOURNE SUBDIVISION.

DARLING POINT.

The well-known superior Residence, "EASTBOURNE," admittedly one of the picked situations of this famous Point, overlooking Double Bay, elevated, and commanding a panorama of enchanting view of harbour, bays, and picturesque environs, which will be better appreciated by an inspection than pourtrayed in an advertisement.

There are privacy and gladsome outlook not always obtainable.

The RESIDENCE is of brick, cemented and stone, verandah and balcony on two sides, and contains porch entrance, hall—both tessellated—double drawing-room, dining-room, library, six bedrooms, bathroom, pantries, kitchen, wine cellar, laundry, and room, look-out tower.

Ample land is preserved with Eastbourne.

TWO WATER FRONTAGE blocks of land and other EXCELLENT Sites.

The whole property to be submitted as one lot; if not so sold, then subdivided as above.

TITLE is TORRENS. Plan preparing.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (2186)

LONG BAY SITES.

Handy to Tram, good Positions.

Lot 1. A Choice Allotment, practically a water frontage, having 70 feet 7 inches frontage to BAY PARADE ALONG WATERS, 66 feet to VICTORIA-STREET, depth lines through being 188 feet 9 inches, and 163 feet 8 inches. It is Lot 3, Sec. 1, of Government subdivision of Village of Brand. Fenced on three sides. Torrens Title. Plan at Rooms.

Lot 2. CORNER BLOCK, having 132 feet to VICTORIA-STREET (main thoroughfare) and 165 feet along RAGAN-STREET, area 2 roods 1 perch. Torrens Title. It is Lot 7, Sec. 8, of the Village of Brand (Government subdivision). Plan at Rooms.

AUCTION SALE of the above at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2224)

GOOD INVESTMENTS.

TO TRUSTEES, CAPITALISTS, and OTHERS.

1, 7 HOUSES, OATLEY-ROAD.

2, 7 HOUSES, REGENT-STREET,

admittedly the most faithfully constructed Properties in the district, quite convenient to the Oxford-street Tram route, and between it and the Park.

1. OATLEY-ROAD, PADDINGTON.

SEVEN EXCELLENT HOUSES, Nos. 15 to 27, well built of brick, cement front, slate roof, each verandah, balcony, hall, seven rooms, bathroom, kitchen, laundry. Rentals, £473 4s per annum. LAND, 123 feet x 112 feet.

Attraction, commodious, substantial Residences.

2. REGENT-STREET, PADDINGTON, corner of Stewart and Martin streets, and lane.

SEVEN SUPERIOR HOUSES, Nos. 49 to 55, built of brick, cement front, slate roof, each verandah, balcony, hall, six rooms, bathroom, servant's room, kitchen, laundry. RENTALS, £400 8s per annum. LAND, 140 feet x 104 feet.

A very satisfactory lot of Houses.

By Order of the Mortgagees.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 PITT-STREET, at 11.30 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (2205)

STANMORE-ROAD, STANMORE.

COTTAGE, Fairmount, detached, of brick, cemented front, slate roof, verandah front and rear, hall, five rooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, laundry. LAND 33½ feet x 99 feet back to lane. A desirable situation, handy to station or Enmore tram terminus.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2220)

MARGATE AND LUFF STREETS, BOTANY.

By order of the Mortgagees.

COTTAGE of weatherboards, verandah, hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, etc, facing Luff-street; also BUILDING of Weatherboard, used as a Yeast Manufactory, with attached shed.

LAND 100 feet to Margate-street, 80 feet Luff-street, depth through 179 feet to 119 feet. Terms if desired.

Messrs. Shipway and Berne, 113 Pitt-street, Solicitors.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2227)

PEAKHURST, SALT PAN CREEK.

Three Miles from Penshurst Railway Station, suitable spot for home and poultry industry. Torrens title.

7 ACRES 2 ROODS 11 PERCHES,

fenced, etc. Large frontage to Salt Pan Creek, Lillian's-road, etc. District is attractive, healthy, and progressive. Messrs. Shipway and Berne, 113 Pitt-street, are Solicitors for vendor. Plans and Specification of a proposing new Cottage may be inspected. Terms if desired.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2226)

ALEXANDRIA.

SHOP and DWELLING, called Waratah, fronting BELMONT (late Jesson) STREET, near Harley-street, and handy to Mitchell-road. It is of brick, with awning in front, and contains shop, 4 rooms, kitchen, with bath, etc, therein. Land 16½ feet x 100 feet back to a lane. Close to tram and Erskineville Park.

AUCTION Sale of above FREEHOLD at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., in conjunction with W. H. Townsend. (2225)

SUPERIOR RESIDENCE,

CAMBRIDGE-STREET, STANMORE,

on the Height, near Station.

MELFORT, a substantial, well-finished, and most comfortable two-storied Residence of brick, cemented, slate roof, verandah and balcony, wide hall, drawing and dining rooms, four bedrooms, servant's room, bathrooms, kitchen, pantry, washhouse, stabling and buggy-room, at rear, of weatherboards.

LAND, 33ft, CAMBRIDGE-STREET, depth 198ft.

A most desirable home property, on an elevated site, in close and quick touch with the city, and suitable for professional or commercial gentleman.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2210)

FACTORY or STABLE YARD SITE.

OFF YURONG-STREET,

between Francis and Liverpool streets, convenient to City Wharfs and Oxford-street.

LAND 66ft first frontage Margaret-lane (now Hargrave-street), depth 41 feet along lane. Chimney Stack erected.

By Order of the Mortgagees.

AUCTION SALE FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at our Rooms, 98 PITT-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (2205)

LEICHHARDT.

CORNER BLOCK, having 84ft to FLOOD-STREET and 120ft along ALLEN-STREET. It is Lot 1, Section 2, Torrens Title. A good building site.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2222)

NORTH SYDNEY,

GOOD INVESTMENT, consisting of TWO SHOPS and Dwellings, Nos. 86 and 88 WEST-STREET, at the CORNER of ARTHUR-STREET, opposite Carr-row. RENTAL £145 12s per annum, part free of taxes. LAND, 36ft to West-street, 120ft to Emmett-street, and 36ft to wide lane.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above capital Investment on North Sydney. Full particulars in future advertisement. (2219)

NORTH SHORE LANDS.

TWO BUILDING SITES each 33ft to CARLOW-STREET, a few feet west of Kelly's Hotel, and close to the PARK, depth 136ft back to the Avenue.

SIX BUILDING ALLOTMENTS, each 33ft to THE AVENUE, with a depth of 135ft back to right of way.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., in conjunction with STANWAY and SLACK, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 16th March at 11.30 a.m.,

The above. Plans preparing.

Messrs. JONES and JONES are Solicitors of the owners. (2220)

CHOICE SITES in the BEST POSITIONS at

MOSMAN.

KOOKABURRA ESTATE, between Post-office and Spit Bridge.

Lot 4. 40ft 12in to MILITARY-ROAD, close to Almond-street x 150ft back to a lane.

Lot 11. 33ft 10in to MELALEUCA-STREET x 142ft 8in along a lane, fronting Government-road, and bounded on the north by Wm. Pearce's Farm, and on the west by property of Fly. Pearce, distant 2 miles from Colo Vale Railway Station and 9½ miles from Mittagong. About 300 acres are cleared, and may be classed as good grazing land. The property is permanently watered by Stockyard Creek. Occupied by Mr. A. Batt.

Lot 23. 40ft to MELALEUCA-STREET x 115ft 8in back to a lane. Torrens Title. Plan on view.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2221)

FARM PROPERTY,

IN THE WELL-KNOWN SOUTH COAST DISTRICT.

A PROPERTY known as EUROMA, within easy distance of the rising TOWN of NERRIGUNDAH, in the MORUYA DISTRICT.

273 ACRES 1 ROOD,

fronting both sides of one of the main South Coast roads, and also having a frontage to the TUROBRAN or EUROBODALLA RIVER, and within about a mile of the Eurobodalla Dairy Factory. Torrens Title.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, at 11 o'clock,

The above Farm in the Moruya District.

HENRY SALWAY, Esq., 80 Castlereagh-street, Solicitor to the Owner. (2155)

CANTERBURY PARK ESTATE,

on the

HEIGHTS OF CANTERBURY OR ASHFIELD SOUTH.

SUBDIVISION SALE

of that choice BLOCK of LAND,

bounded by

CHURCH-STREET, MINTER-STREET, PRINCES-STREET, JEFFREYS-STREET.

Only a few minutes' walk from the CANTERBURY RAILWAY STATION,

and commanding extensive views, embracing the Canterbury Racecourse and the Park.

LITHOGRAPHS OBTAINABLE. FREE RAILWAY TICKETS for 1.39 and 2.30 Trains on day of sale.

TERMS:—10 per cent. deposit, 15 per cent. in 3 months, and the balance in 1, 2, and 3 years at 5 per cent. interest.

AUCTION SALE on the GROUND at 3 O'CLOCK, SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (2196)

1. WAVERLEY: Three Houses, Victoria Terrace, of brick, MILL HILL-ROAD, each verandah and balcony, five rooms, bathroom, kitchen, laundry, etc.

2. WEMYSS-STREET, off Goulburn-street, Hyde Park: Two Houses, Nos. 32 and 34, of brick, verandah and balcony, five rooms, kitchen, and washhouse. Land about 25 feet x 71 feet. Preliminary notice.

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Torrens Title. Terms: Half Cash, bloc. 3 per cent.

FRED. BROWN, Auctioneer, in conjunction with J. F. HEGERTY, Rockdale.

ATTEND!

THIS DAY, AT 3.30 O'CLOCK.

LINDFIELD GROVE ESTATE,

LINDFIELD.

FREE RAILWAY PASSES AVAILABLE BY TRAINS LEAVING MILSON'S POINT AT 1.32, 1.50, AND 2.30 P.M.

HARDIE AND GORMAN, AUCTIONEERS, 133 PITT-STREET.

SLADE AND BROWN, AGENTS FOR THE ESTATE, 34 MOORE-STREET.

£5 MUST BE SOLD.

MOORE PARK.—"BUNDARRA." Family Residence (No. 479), at the corner of DOWLING and FITZROY STREETS, built of brick, slate roof, containing entrance hall, 7 rooms, kitchen, pantry, laundry, bathroom, stable, etc. LAND has a frontage of 57ft to Dowling-street, 105ft Tin along Fitzroy-street, and 34ft to Mary Ann-street. Title Torrens. Mortgagee's Solicitors: Messrs. T. MARSHALL and MARKS, 70 Pitt-street.

HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with Marshall and Dempster) will sell the above by Auction, at 133 PITT-STREET, at 11.30 o'clock, on NEXT WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1906.

£5 GOOD CHANCE FOR A BUILDER.

COTTAGE, WITH ABOUT 1 ACRE OF LAND, ULVERSTONE, PENKIVIL and NEW STREETS, BONDI.

THE COTTAGE is substantially built of brick, with slate roof, marble steps, and tiled path in front, tiled verandah front and side, hall, 6 rooms, dining-hall, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, etc., brick stable, coachhouse, and man's room.

LAND, about 142 FEET to PENKIVIL-STREET (easterly aspect), about 139 FEET to NEW-STREET at rear, by through depth of about 256 feet on one side, and about 237 feet on the other, at present in gardens, lawns, orchard, fowlyards, etc.

AMPLE SPACE FOR THE ERECTION of 2 or 3 GOOD COTTAGES, to front PENKIVIL-STREET; and the WHOLE OF THE NEW-STREET frontage is READY FOR BUILDING.

TITLE FREEHOLD.

F. B. FREEHILL, Esq., Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Vendor's Solicitor.

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NEXT WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1906,

The above-described Property, to be obtained from the Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

WOOLLAHRA.

TANTIVY, HARKNESS-STREET, off EDGECLIFF-ROAD.

DETACHED COTTAGE, built of brick, tuckpointed front, on stone foundation, with slate and iron roof, having tiled verandah in front, and containing hall, drawing and dining rooms (f. doors), breakfast court, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, and washhouse. Keys with W. Harkness, Agent, Bathurst-street, Woollahra.

LAND, 43 FEET frontage by 80 FEET to Lane at rear. TITLE TORRENS.

HARDIE and GORMAN and BEEBY, 46 Elizabeth-street, Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

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GOOD BUSINESS POSITION, close to Two Schools,—NORTH SYDNEY (St. Leonards).—BUSINESS PREMISES, CHANDOS-STREET, next to corner of OXLEY-STREET, comprising Brick Building, iron roof, containing bedroom, kitchen (cavity walls), bow-shaped window, with SHOP on street front (12 x 12), of W.B., iron roof, including 2 counters and shelves.

LAND, 22 x 106 to lane. TORRENS.

HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with Boughton and Warner) will sell the above by auc., at the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30, NEXT WEDNESDAY, March 7.

GOOD BUILDING SITES, ROCKDALE TOWNSHIP, ROCKDALE, facing tramline, and close to the station.

Lot 1, sec. 20ft to BAY-STREET x 150ft along GEORGE-STREET, to lane at rear.

Lots 27 and 28, sec. 2, 54ft 4in to Bay-street x 100 feet on one side, and 104ft 4in on the other, and 24 feet to lane at rear.

PLANS ON VIEW. TITLE TORRENS.

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WAVERLEY.

DOUBLE-FRONT SEMI-DETACHED COTTAGE, GLADYNE, fronting EDGAR-STREET.

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LAND 30 x 130. TORRENS TITLE.

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By Direction of the State Premier.

CENTENNIAL PARK LANDS.

Lot 2, Section 10,

will be offered

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1906,

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£5 TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.

WAVERLEY (close to Tram, and Bus Station).—No. 44 MILL HILL-ROAD, DETACHED DOUBLE-FRONTED COTTAGE, built of W.B., iron roof, containing hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, pantry, etc., gas, water, sewer; let at 15s p. wk.

LAND, 30 x 97. TORRENS.

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RANDWICK, CLOSE TO THE RIFLE RANGE.

CORNER BLOCK OF LAND, 120ft to PEROUSE-STREET by 130ft deep along HENRY-STREET, being Lots 4, 5, and 6, Sec. 3, Ethelstone Estate. TORRENS TITLE.

Plan on view at the Salerooms.

A. W. HYMAN, Martin-place, Vendor's Solicitor.

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WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH, 1906.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTRIX IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MR. R. C. DEANE.

LOT 1.—WOOLLAHRA, ST. JAMES'-ROAD, off South Head-road, facing CENTENNIAL PARK, compact LEASEHOLD INVESTMENT, RISKET and RUSSELL, comprising BRICK RESIDENCE, cement front on stone, with slate roof, containing verandah and balcony, hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, etc., large W.B. shed; also brick Cottage, slate roof, hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, and bathroom. RENTS, £65 YEARLY. Land, 50 x 90. Title Leasehold, 99 years from January 1, 1886. Ground Rent, £15 12s 6d yearly.

LOT 2.—ELIZABETH BAY, ONSLOW-AVENUE, just off Elizabeth Bay-road, immediately adjoining that newly-erected and highly refined Residence of Dr. M'Kay.

An UNEQUALLED RESIDENTIAL SITE, occupying an elevated position, COMMANDING UNSURPASSED VIEWS OF THE HARBOUR, LOOKING EAST.

About 71 feet to ONSLOW-AVENUE by 165 feet on one side, 88 feet at rear, and an irregular depth on the other side. TITLE LEASEHOLD; 70 years 6 months from June, 1902. Ground rent, £38 10s yearly.

LOT 3.—TURRAMURRA, GOOD BUILDING SITE, 2ac 3rd 36per, fronting KARUAH-ROAD, off Eastern-road, close to the Residences of Messrs. Brodie, Brooks, and Christie.

LOT 4.—BANKSTOWN, 1ac 3rd 36per, Courtney and Lothian roads, being Lot 14, sec. 3, George's River Estate. Torrens Title.

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COFFILL and CO.,
Undertakers, Leichhardt.

ANDERSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. HAMILTON are kindly invited to attend the FUNERAL of her dear beloved FATHER, W. H. Anderson; to move from his residence, 80 Moore-street, Leichhardt, at 8.30 a.m., for the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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BROACH.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES BROACH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave the residence of her mother, Mrs. H. W. Stone, 3 Bloomfield-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY.
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BROACH.—The Friends of Mrs. HENRY WILLIAM STONE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Jessie Jane Broach; to leave 3 Bloomfield-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Sydney and Suburbs.

MCARDLE.—The Friends of the late Mr. PATRICK MCARDLE are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 10 Mary-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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Undertakers and Embalmers.

HENNESSY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL HENNESSY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Mary Catherine; to leave their residence, 263 Crown-road, Ultimo, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

HENNESSY.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY WESLAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved GRANDDAUGHTER, Mary Catherine Hennessy; to leave 263 Crown-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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HENNESSY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM, and Mr. J. WESLAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved NIECE, Mary C. Hennessy; to leave 263 Crown-road, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Head Office, 472-84 Harris-street.

STUART.—The Funeral of the deceased Mrs. I. J. STUART will leave her late residence, 47 Elizabeth-street, Ashfield, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis, via Ashfield station.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Burwood Branch, Railway-parade.

MCNAMARA.—The Friends of GEORGE, JANE, MARY, and THOMAS MCNAMARA are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, Michael; to leave Sydney Hospital THIS SATURDAY, at 3.30 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. F. KIRBY and SON, Limited,
Undertakers,
T., 875. 7 Elizabeth-st; and 51 Darlinghurst-rd.

EGAN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. DANIEL EGAN will take place THIS (Saturday) MORNING at Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood. Friends kindly take Funeral train leaving Mortuary station, Redfern, at 9.38 a.m.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

BRUCE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES BRUCE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Edward Alfred; to move from their residence, No. 72 Nelson-street, Balmain, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Rozelle Catholic Cemetery, Necropolis.
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DOLPHIN.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. SARAH DOLPHIN are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave South Belgravia, Gow-street, Balmain, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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KIRBY.—The Funeral of the late Mr. HENRY MATTHEW KIRBY will leave his late residence, Nubbit, No. 226 Johnstone-street, Annandale, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Petersham station, and thence to the Necropolis.
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BOONE.—The Friends of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH BOONE, Widow of the late Francis L. Boone, of Redfern, are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, No. 68 Derwent-street, Glebe, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
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HARPER.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN HARPER and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE and MOTHER; to move from Haseldean, Lincoln-street, Stanmore, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45 o'clock, for Stanmore station, thence to Necropolis.
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STONE.—The Friends of HARRY, JOHN, FRED., EVA, ALBERT, and SYDNEY STONE are requested to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Jessie; to move from her parents' residence, 3 Bloomfield-street, Surry Hills, TO-DAY, at 1.30, for Necropolis.
'Tis sweet to think of those at rest
Who sleep in Christ the Lord,
Whose spirits now with Him are blest,
According to His Word.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. BROACH and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER-IN-LAW; to move from No. 3 Bloomfield-street, Surry Hills.

THE Friends of Mrs. MARY MCARDLE and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER; to leave his late residence, 10 Mary-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY (Saturday), at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.

GLOVER.—The Funeral of the late Mr. EDWIN ALEXANDER GLOVER will leave his late residence, 74 Young-street, Annandale, THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Petersham station, thence to C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
CROCKETT and COMPANY,
Undertakers, Leichhardt.

HURWOOD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS HURWOOD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Emma Minnie Louie; to move from their residence, 5 Macquarie-street, Annandale, THIS AFTERNOON, at quarter to 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
FROST and COMPANY, Undertakers,
205 Parramatta-road, Leichhardt.

HURWOOD.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM HURWOOD, of Liverpool-st, city, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved GRANDDAUGHTER, Emma Minnie Hurwood; to move from 5 Macquarie-st, Annandale, THIS AFTERNOON, at quarter to 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

SPEECHLEY.—The Friends of the late Mrs. JANE SPEECHLEY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave her late residence, Wilson-street, Lower Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Botany Cemetery.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

SULWAY.—The Friends of ELIZABETH, ELLEN, and WILLIAM SULWAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Thomas Sulway; to move from his late residence, 13 Liverpool-street, Paddington, at 8.45 a.m., MONDAY, for Waverley Cemetery.
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MODERN NEWS.

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA,
JANUARY 26th, 1906, A.D.
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